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RUMANIAN PREMIER DECLARES HIMSELF MILITARY DICTATOR Claims Four-Day Rebellion Has Been Completely Crushed

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, JAN. 23 (UP).—GENERAL ION ANTONESCU, THE PREMIER OF RUMANIA, HAS PROCLAIMED HIMSELF FULL MILITARY DICTATOR.

IT IS REPORTED THAT ANTONESCU HAS REGAINED "COMPLETE MASTERY" OF THE NATION AND HAS CRUSHED THE FOUR-DAY REBELLION STAGED BY THE RADICAL IRON GUARDS.

DERNA BOMBED BY R.A.F.

New Facts About Tobruk's Fall
Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The R.A.F. dropped several tons of bombs on the barracks and other military targets at Derna on the night January 20-21, causing large fires which were visible 80 miles.

Other R.A.F. attacks were made in Albania, Rhodes and East Africa.

CATHOLIC FUNDS IN AMERICA Unfrozen Balances

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The fact that not all relevant foreign balances in the United States have been frozen to prevent Axis countries from using their American balances is largely due to the delicate situation involving the Roman Catholic Church, according to well-informed sources.

It is understood that when the Administration was considering freezing foreign funds, Catholic authorities in the United States pointed out that this would disclose the amounts Rome received from the United States and also prevent their transfer to the Vatican.

It is felt that this situation can be overcome. There is considerable sympathy for Britain on being obliged to reveal her entire financial position, but the frankness with which Britain has complied has undoubtedly helped her cause.

Mission In Turkey

Gen. Marshall-Cornwall
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ISTANBUL, Jan. 23 (Dome).—It is revealed that Lieut-General J. H. Marshall-Cornwall of the British Middle East Command and other members of the British Military Mission have been conferring with Turkish authorities at Ankara during the past week.

While Turkey's attitude towards the entry of German troops into Bulgaria is believed to offer an important factor in the prospective Balkan situation, informed quarters point out that Turkey's attitude still remains negative and unchanged.

U. S. Delegate Talks With Yugo-Slav Government

VICHY, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Colonel William Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy, who arrived in Belgrade last night, was received to-day by the Yugo-Slav Premier, according to a Belgrade telegram.

Colonel Donovan told reporters that he planned to stay two or three days in Belgrade and that he hoped to visit Prince Paul (the Regent), the Vice-Premier, the War Minister and other military leaders.

He declined to say whether he had a personal message for the Regent from President Roosevelt. He said that his mission had nothing in

common with that of Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, who visited Europe last spring as the President's special envoy.

Colonel Donovan will later visit Athens, Turkey, Palestine and Egypt, arriving in Egypt about the middle of February.

Asked regarding reports that important diplomatic documents had been stolen from him on the train between Sofia and Belgrade, he replied that only his passport was missing.

It is recalled that the new Kungkuo Bridge was destroyed on December 24, last year, by Japanese naval aircraft. All Japanese planes which participated in to-day's raids, returned to their base safely.

Burma Route Bombed

Japanese Activity
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

JAPANESE NAVAL AIR BASE IN INDO-CHINA, Jan. 23 (Dome).—Units of the Japanese Naval Air Force this morning subjected Kunming, as well as the Kungkuo Bridge on the Yunnan-Burma road to intensive air bombardment, according to the Press Section of the Japanese South China Fleet.

The units which attacked Kunming, scored direct hits on several places outside the city where a number of enemy trucks were parked, while the formation which bombed the Kungkuo Bridge, despite unfavourable weather, succeeded in destroying the old span, thereby completely cutting off traffic on the Burma route.

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Operations continued to develop successfully. Pressure on the enemy east of Metemma, Abyssinia, was being maintained.

In the Kenya offensive, activities by Imperial patrols continue.

S. African's Success
NAIROBI, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Three Italian Caproni bombers were destroyed by the South African Air Force in a mid-day raid on Yavel, low aerodrome in Abyssinia.

Following a reconnaissance during which bombs straddled the main targets, two waves of aircraft went over. The first showed high explosives and incendiaries on the aerodrome, directly hitting one Caproni which burst into flames.

The second wave found a fire raging round two aircraft and scored a direct hit on a third, which also burst into flames.

The Rumanian Legation stated to-day that the army was solidly backing General Antonescu, but it was admitted that fighting was still in progress in some centres.

The Legation also declared that the Rumanian General Staff had issued a communique denying reports that some Generals had rebelled. It was claimed that not a single man had deserted. The communique alleged that the rebels were mostly Communists and young Legionnaires who were rapidly surrendering.

It was affirmed that fierce fighting had occurred at Priana near the Russian frontier, and that about 50 were killed. The rebels are defending their positions from house to house, surrendering only when they are encircled.

The Brasov Radio, which is again under the control of General Antonescu this afternoon broadcast decrees ordering everyone to surrender all their weapons and ammunition to the authorities and stating that the rebels had surrendered and that peace and order had been restored.

Antonescu Negotiating
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—General Ion Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, has proclaimed a military dictatorship in Rumania, according to the Yugo-Slav newspaper "Vereme."

Yugo-Slav reports quoted by the Budapest radio stated that General Antonescu is negotiating with the Iron Guard in order to clean up the situation, but it added that the Rumanian radio has warned the people against staying in the streets as "the disarming of detachments offering resistance may occasion some shooting."

Rumanian troops have already re-occupied the Rumanian Broadcasting Company's building, according to some reports, though it is stated that lighting still continues in Bucharest and in other large towns.

Yugo-Slav circles, the Budapest announcer added, expect a recrudescence of trouble in Rumania within a few days.

Norwegian Shipping Association Closed
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Gestapo men have been ordered to seize the funds of the Norwegian Shipping Association and to seal the offices.

On the orders of the Nazi Commissioner, Herr Terboven, the Association has been disbanded, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

The Association's President, Bjoern Hansen and the Managing Director, Klameess, have been arrested for the second time since the German invasion of Norway.

After announcing a series of awards, including two George Crosses and nine George Medals, the "Gazette" adds: "Among those who went down with the Jervis Bay, there must have been many, among the survivors and others, whose gallantry, were the whole truth be known, deserves decoration. The above appointments and awards should be taken as an honour to the ship as also to those who earned them."

The Jervis Bay, an armed merchant cruiser, was sunk while protecting a convoy of 38 ships in mid-Atlantic last November against an attack by a German raider. Her commander, Captain E. S. Fegen, who went down with the ship, was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

India-H.K. Air Link
NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Members of the Chinese National Aviation Corporation have left here for Calcutta in their own plane, via Agri.

Their proposals to link up India with a direct air route to Chungking and Hongkong are under examination by the Government of India.

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PROPOSES WAR GIFT As Substitute To Aid British Bill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Senators Ed Johnson and Robert Taft to-day introduced a substitute for the Aid Britain and the Johnson Bills, authorising an outright gift of \$2,000,000,000 worth of war materials, provided Britain gives the United States complete information on performance, and agrees to make all her purchases in the United States.

Senator Taft said that the Bill would authorise the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to lend Britain \$1,000,000,000, Canada \$500,000,000 and Greece \$50,000,000.

Sicilian Aerodromes Attacked By R.A.F.

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Aerodromes in Sicily were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers during the night of January 22-23.

A Middle East communique from R.A.F. Headquarters says that at Comiso a quantity of incendiary and explosive bombs were dropped, causing explosions which continued for 20 minutes.

Artillery Duel
HANOI, Jan. 23 (UP).—The quiet on the Laos front which had lasted since last week was broken on the night of January 21-22 by an exchange of shells at Thakhet, four people being wounded.

On the morning of the 22nd, 30 shells were fired at Vientiane, and during the afternoon 20 more shells came over, causing slight damage; French artillery returned the fire.

Last night there was heavy Thai shooting at Banhouesai, north of Luangprabang, and this morning the Thais advanced against an undefended post outside of Bassac. The French remained on the east bank of the Mekong River.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The grand total subscription to the All-India Defence Loans up to January 18 was nearly 480,000,000 rupees.

What Would Win War
Colonel Lindbergh expressed the view that even the combination of the United States and Britain could not win the war "on the present basis."

He did not believe that anything short of war by the United States would win the war, unless there was a collapse behind the lines.

He believed that the American peoples' stand in favour of aiding Britain was a "mistake."

Queen Visits Raid Shelters

Their Majesties are constantly visiting their subjects in the bombed areas of London and other cities, cheering and consoling them with kindly words. Here we see Her Majesty chatting to little victims of Nazi aggression whilst having their dinner in an air raid shelter.



Japan To Mediate In Thailand Dispute; Vichy Accepts Offer

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Jan. 23 (UP).—It is officially announced that the French Government has accepted the offer made by the Japanese Government to mediate in the frontier dispute between Thailand and Indo-China.

The Government instructed the French Ambassador at Tokyo, M. Arsene Henry to arrange details for arbitration.

PETAIN'S STALLING ANNOYS THE NAZIS

("Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The news from Vichy or rather from Paris, appears to indicate that the situation has not developed as the Germans had hoped and expected.

Although Marshal Petain has been officially reconciled to Laval for a week, Laval has not yet been reinstated in the Cabinet and the German-controlled Paris press is getting impatient and very annoyed, asking why Petain hesitates.

The Paris press goes further, arguing that as Laval was obviously the TURN to Back Page, Column 4

Lindbergh Evidence on
Defence of America

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The landing of troops in an attempted trans-ocean invasion of the United States was "absolutely impossible," declared Colonel Charles Lindbergh, testifying to-day on the Lease and Lend Bill before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The Colonel agreed, however, that trans-Atlantic bombing raids could do "considerable damage."

Colonel Lindbergh said that he did not believe that there was any danger of the United States being invaded by sea or air as long as she maintained an army, navy and air force of reasonable size in modern condition, and provided that she established bases essential for defence.

Besides bases in Newfoundland and West Indies, Hawaii and Alaska, Colonel Lindbergh recommended the establishment of others in Canada, parts of South and Central America and in the Galapagos Islands, while secondary bases might be established in Greenland.

He said that the United States would be wise to construct as rapidly

as possible a total air force of about 10,000 thoroughly modern fighting planes plus reserves though the desirable size of the air force largely depended on conditions elsewhere in the world.

Opponents of the Lease and Lend Bill had asked Colonel Lindbergh to testify but he did not mention the Bill in his opening statement.

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1.13 The London Palladium Orchestra.

Echoes from the Puzza (Ferraris); Kiss Me Again (Victor Herbert); Childhood Memories (arr. Somers); Master Melodies—Medley.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Jay Wilbur and His Band.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Brahms.

Variations On A Theme By Haydn (arr. Antoni Cherubini), Op. 56A.

Philharmonie-Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini; Waltzes—Nos. 7-12—Op. 39.

Antole Kiltain (Piano); Hungarian Dance No. 5... Wolf (Violin) with Piano acc.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Dance Music by Joe Loss and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 "The Gay Nineties".

Songs by Frank Luther with Zora Layman and the Century Quartet.

8.22 Robinson Crusoe at the Organ.

8.30 London Relay—"Theatreland".

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Books and People".

9.45 Request Classical Programme.

Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna—Overture (Suppe).... State Opera Orchestra; O Charming—Hour—The Dream (from "Manon"—Massenet).... Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Rustle of Spring, Op. 32, No. 3 (Sindling); Scherzo Impromptu, Op. 73, No. 2 (Grieg).... Eileen Joyce (Piano); One Fine Day (from "Madam Butterfly"—Puccini).... Rosetta Pampaloni (Soprano) with Orchestra; Valse de Concert, Op. 47 (Glazounov).... San Francisco Symphony Orchestra; Passing By (Herrick and Purcell); The Gentle Maiden (arr. Somervell).... Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orchestra; Fair Rosemary (Kreislere); Rondino (On a Theme by Beethoven—Kreislere).... Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano acc.; Grant, O Love (from "The Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart); Tiana Lennitz (Soprano) with Orchestra; Divertimento, Op. 17 in D Major (Mozart).... Sir Hamilton Harty cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra; Dove Song: Vanish! Are Ye (from "The Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart).... Tiana Lennitz (Soprano) with Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

CENTENARY SUPPLEMENT

As announced recently, a special Centenary Supplement will be distributed free with every copy of the South China Morning Post and Hongkong Telegraph to-morrow. Printed on art paper, and containing eight full-size pages, the supplement gives a historical survey of the growth of the Colony of Hongkong, and has several old pictures and photographs.

MONSTER WAR FUND RAFFLE

Donors of Prizes are requested to hold them until won, when the Hongkong War Effort Committee will issue orders for collection to the winners.

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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1941.

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Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: The market was quietly steady.

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As in previous years, the restrictions on water supply will be relaxed in connection with the Chinese New Year. From to-morrow until Monday, an all-day water service will be provided, after which the daily supply will be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. as at present.

G. R. NOTICE

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It is hereby notified that a constant supply of water will be given in all districts from 6.00 a.m. on January 25 to 10 p.m. on January 27 in connection with the Chinese New Year Festival.

A. B. PURVES,
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Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1941.

BRITISH FORCES

Four Million Men For Defence

London, Jan. 22. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, announced that the Army and Home Guard now have 4,000,000 armed and uniformed men available for the defence of Britain. Enough factories have been established to supply the Army with everything it requires for a continuous action against the Germans in Europe. The Army and Air Force will have to reduce their demands on skilled labour during the coming months so that labour can be directed to new factories, ship yards and farms.

The Government fixed the size of the Army in November 1939, but subsequently decided to add equipment for ten additional divisions, but "I am not going to say how many divisions it amounts to. It is a very large and formidable force, both with regard to establishment and amphibious power and for the defence of this island." Mr. Churchill, who was speaking at the conclusion of the debate on the manpower problem, said that in the 16th month of the war Britain had 200,000 more workers in munitions and aircraft production than in the 16th month of the World War. —United Press.

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A total of \$1,550,081.56 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations: "For Use of Piano" \$10; "Bimbo" E. R. (Canadian \$5 cents) 1.05; "Clumey Cricketers" (and others) at the K.C.C. (third donation) 100.67; Mr. E. V. Hopkinson 3; "Over the Rainbow" 25; "Hotel Bar" 25; A. D. C. and W. T. S. 24.67; E. W. L. and W. D. G. (Will) 10; Mr. Leon Lee (in memory of the late Mr. D. G. Will) 35; V. R. 35; Mrs. J. C. Binnendyk (monthly donation) 25; Miss Maylor (monthly donation) 11.75; "Proceeds of sale of model Spitfire" 100.

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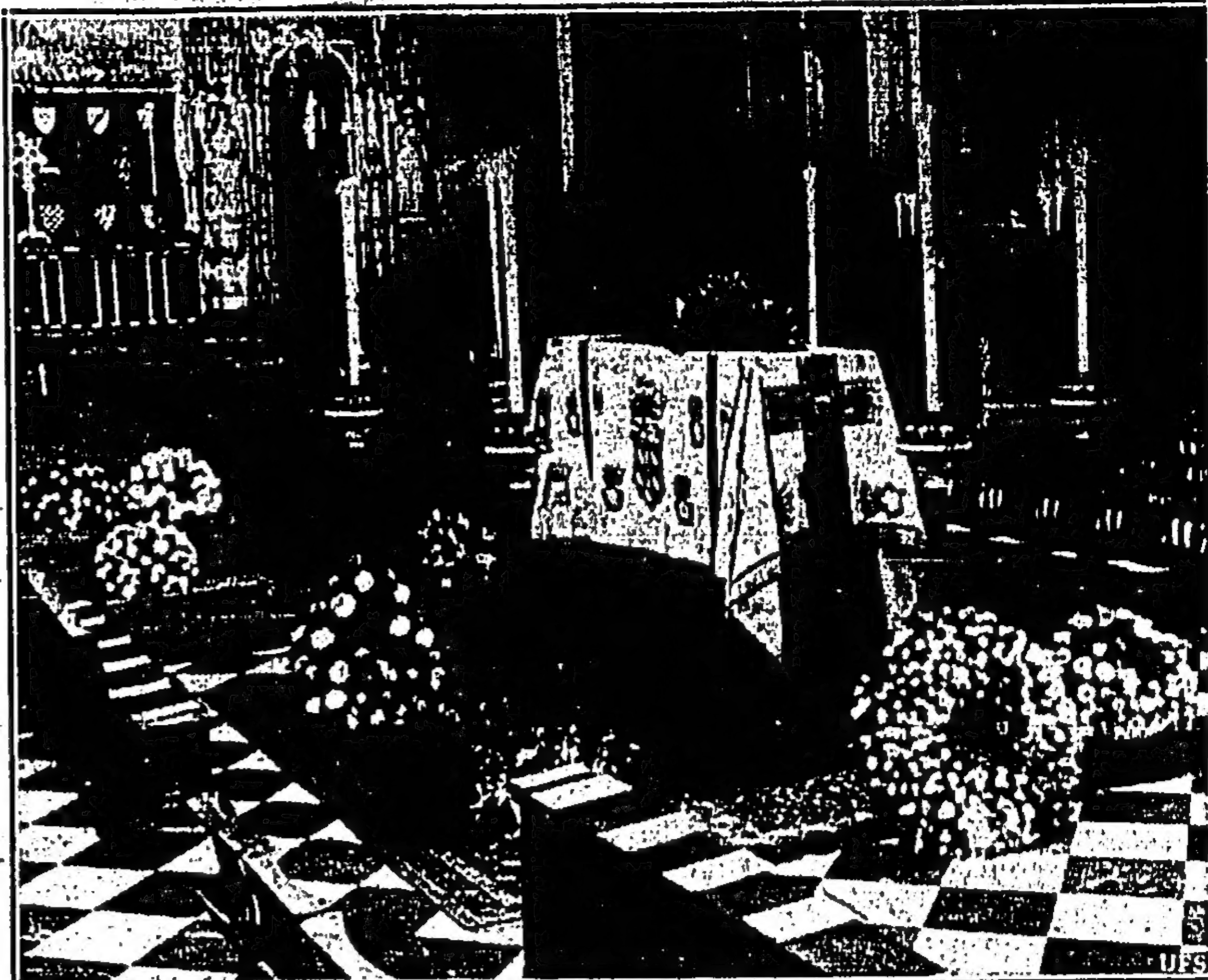
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IN STATE—Body of Arthur Neville Chamberlain, late Prime Minister of England, lies in state on catafalque before the altar in Westminster Abbey, London. "The Apostle of Appeasement" attempted to save the Empire from war. After the memorial service, the body was cremated and the ashes placed with the honoured dead beneath the floor.

W. J. Keswick Shot By Japanese Official

A Japanese national fired three shots and wounded the Shanghai Municipal Council's Chairman, Mr. W. J. Keswick, a Briton and head of Jardine, Matheson & Co. at Shanghai, during the Municipal ratepayers' meeting yesterday at the Race Course stand, immediately after the meeting in Shanghai had voted down the Japanese amendments to the new tax surcharges. Japanese voters opposed the British and American resolution to increase the taxes by 40 per cent.

The alleged assailant was Y. Hayashi, President of the Japanese Ratepayers' Association, who proposed the Japanese amendments.

Shanghai, Jan. 23. Mr. W. J. Keswick, British Chairman of the Municipal Council, and Jardine's, was shot and slightly injured by a Japanese in full view of about 3,000 ratepayers to-day after an extraordinary meeting in the racecourse stand had defeated a Japanese amendment regarding rates.

Mr. Keswick received two slight flesh wounds, one on the left side of the breast and the other in the right fore-arm. He received treatment at the Country Hospital but his condition is not serious.

The Japanese who fired the shots was Y. Hayashi, President of the Japanese Ratepayers' Association, who moved the amendment.

Mr. O. Okamoto, Japanese member of the Council, and Mr. I. Ikeda, Japanese Secretary of the Council, were also wounded, but not seriously, and other foreigners received slight wounds in the disorders that followed the shots.

Mr. Okamoto received an injury to the left hand, Mr. Ikeda was slightly wounded in the right arm and Mr. J. W. Carney, American Council member and Manager of the Standard Vacuum Company, was slightly hurt when Japanese began to throw dozens of chairs on the platform where the Councilors were seated.

The dramatic events occurred almost immediately after Hayashi's amendment against higher taxation and favouring the acceptance of a loan from a Japanese bank was defeated on a show of hands. When the Chairman, M. Paul Scheel, Danish Consul-General and Doyen of the Consular Corps, announced the result the Japanese ratepayers immediately raised an uproar, left their seats and began to push towards the platform.

Mr. Okamoto quickly stood up and appealed through the microphone for order from his compatriots but he had spoken no more than a few words when Hayashi whipped out a pistol and fired two shots pointblank.

Police Draw Revolvers

Pandemonium broke loose as the Japanese stormed the platform in a solid body. Foreign police rushed to the platform with drawn revolvers and after some minutes of indescribable confusion and rioting the Japanese surged outside the hall followed by the police, who eventually pacified them.

As soon as order was restored, M. Scheel announced that the meeting was adjourned.

When he introduced his amendment Hayashi made a long speech and concluded by saying that if the amendment were defeated those responsible would have to face the consequences.

United Press declares there were about 5,000 people at the meeting, including about 2,000 Japanese. Mr. Lockhart, American Consul-General, and Mr. Munro-Hall, Consul, were among those present.

Mr. Keswick would have escaped at least one of his injuries if he had been wearing his usual bullet proof waistcoat. Mr. Ikeda was wounded when he attempted to restrain Hayashi.

Mr. H. Araki, Commissioner of Police, was instrumental in averting the riot for he addressed the Japanese voters as they were surging towards the platform, throwing boards and chairs.

MALTESE PREPARE

Population Is Called To Arms

London, Jan. 23.

All Malta was called to arms to-day under a decree issued by General Dobbie, according to the London morning papers. The Governor announced that the German and Italian air attacks and threats of invasion had created a situation demanding the services of the whole community.

Units similar to pioneer corps which can be formed to construct any defence works required, and men of suitable ages will be enrolled in the local defence forces.

The fact that there has been no big raid since Sunday is regarded as an indication that the Luftwaffe has received a severe handling by the R.A.F., amplified by raids on Sicilian bases.

It is hoped that the fall of Tobruk, with the use of Italian bases, will provide useful support for Malta. The fall has enabled the Maltese to adjust themselves to the new conditions.

During Sunday's first attack the Germans displayed bravado by arm waving as if saluting the island's fortress, and it is believed that they carried Italian pilots for passengers to "show how it is done" but after losing 19 machines, later attacks were made more circumspect.

Reuter.

Tobacco For Troops

Appeal By Over-Seas League

The Over-Seas League have made an appeal through the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong, for collections on behalf of their Tobacco Fund for the Fighting Forces.

Persons desiring to subscribe to this fund might kindly send in their donations to the Hon. Treasurer, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, specifically marked "Tobacco Fund." Such monies will be forwarded to the League in due course.

Consul For Hongkong

Tokyo, Jan. 23. Mr. Shiroshichi Kimura, Third Secretary of the Japanese Embassy at Nanking, has been appointed Consul at Hongkong.—Domei.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR JANUARY 27th, 28th & 29th, 1941

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There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 28th January.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on 28th January from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

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Calcutta and Straits Jan. 28.
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United Kingdom and Straits Jan. 28.
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Sandakan Jan. 31.
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Friday, Jan. 24

Straits and Rangoon 12.30 p.m.
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Saturday, Jan. 25

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G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 25, 4.30 p.m.

Ord. Jan. 25, 5.00 p.m.

Straits and Rangoon 5.30 p.m.

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G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 25, 5 p.m.

Ord. Jan. 28, 8.30 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 26

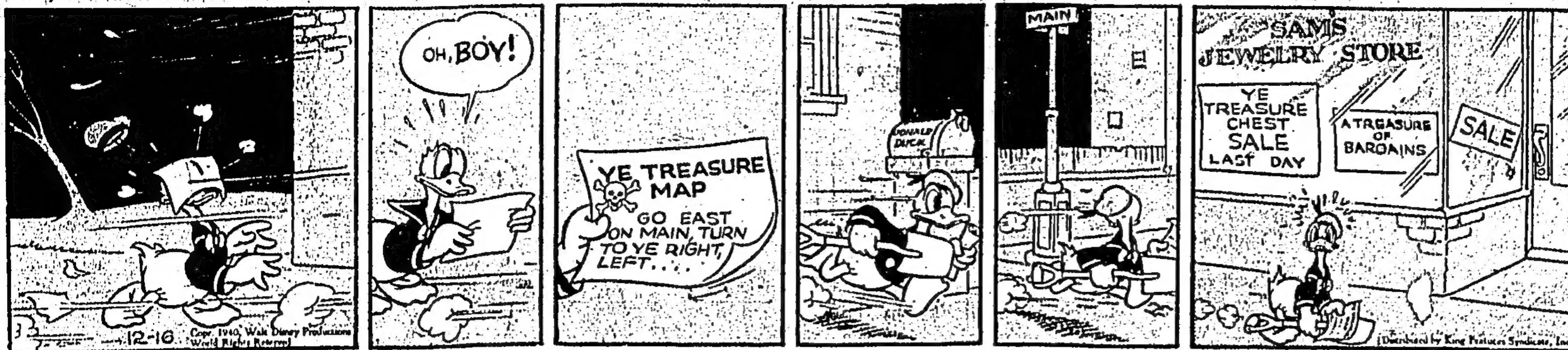
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This is part of a letter home in which Sergeant John Hannah, an R.A.F. wireless operator, tells how he won the V.C.

Hannah, who is only 18, is the youngest recipient of the V.C. since the war began.

Single-handed, he extinguished a fire when the plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire over Antwerp on September 18, after the rear-gunner and navigator had baled out.

The pilot, who brought the machine safely home, has already been awarded the D.F.C.

"I am really lucky to be alive," says Sergeant Hannah's letter.

"The plane was a blazing mass, and a terrific target for the Ack. Ack."

Quick Thinking

"I did some quick thinking and started throwing out the flaming machine."

"During this time ammunition on the 'kite' was going off 10 a penny and the heat was terrific."

"Finally I got the fire out and we limped home and landed at our base."

"I hear that A.A. chiefs and R.A.F. officers have been having the 'kite' photographed from all angles, and I have had so many visits from the big boys that I am beginning to feel quite a big shot myself."

"I have been congratulated on conduct. It seems to have been the first time a fire has been put out in the air."



SERGEANT J. HANNAH

The official account of Sergeant Hannah's work says he forced his way through the flames to get two extinguishers, with which he fought the fire for 10 minutes.

When these were empty he continued to beat out the flames with his log book.

Meanwhile thousands of rounds of ammunition were exploding inside the aircraft.

Heat from the fire was so intense that all the aluminium sheet metal on the floor of the cockpit was melted away, leaving only the cross beams.

Birth of The SPITFIRE

Britain's "Spitfire" fighter was really born 15 years ago! It began its amazing career in 1925 as Supermarine S4 monoplane, designed and built to take part in the Schneider Trophy race off Baltimore, U.S.A., and piloted by H. C. Baird. The plane, after setting up a record of 226 m.p.h., crashed in a test flight before the contest.

What appeared to be a silver bird dancing in the sunlight was the seaplane banking round the first pylon off Bembridge. Across the open sea it dashed to West Witter.

by Arthur Lamsley

ing, off Chichester Harbour, rose higher, swooped down round the next pylon and on along the 14 miles' leg of the course fringing Southsea and Portsmouth towards the pylon in the Solent.

Lieutenant Boothman flew superbly. His machine was steady as it hurtled through the air at 343 miles an hour! He shattered the world's lap record in this first round.

Round after round he flashed by the spectators, flying so low that his figure could be seen crouching in the cockpit. The crowd could never have realised a fraction of the colossal strain on the pilot in this dash through the air, faster than any man had ever flown in a distance flight.

In exactly 38 minutes 22 seconds, at an average speed of 340 m.p.h. Flight Lieutenant Boothman won the Schneider Trophy for Great Britain, and presaged the "Spitfire" fighter. A few days later Flight Lieutenant George Stainforth in the same winning monoplane created the world's record of 407.5 m.p.h., in a series of dive tests from a height of 15,000ft, into a measured mile in Spithead.

The "Spitfire" had arrived! All the experience gained in these Schneider Trophy contests was embodied in the production of the single-seater fighter which was to become the wartime terror of the air. It was powered with Rolls-Royce engines designed by the late Sir Henry Royce, who at

Came 1931—the last of the Schneider contests when Britain won the Trophy outright, with three successive wins.

☆ ☆ ☆ The day of the great race arrived, September 12. But what a day! Visibility was reduced to about a mile with blinding rain and mist, and the wind howled half a gale. A more unfriendly day for high speed racing could not be imagined. The rules provided for unfavourable weather, and the international racing officials abandoned the race till next day.

Sunday, September 13—unlucky number to the superstitious, but the luckiest day in British aviation—dawned a magnificent day, sun-flooded and with a visibility of over 15 miles. Huge crowds of spectators lined the shores of South Hampshire and the northern coast of the Isle of Wight.

In the testing area off Calshot Castle in Southampton Water a small silver seaplane waited near the starting line, rising and falling unsteadily on the short, choppy waves. One o'clock came. A gun boomed! A dull roar followed immediately, and a great splash of spray told that Flight Lieutenant Boothman, R.A.F., England's first choice of pilot, had taken the air in Supermarine S-6B.

His mighty engine, sensitive to the touch of his fingers, roared as the seaplane took off, circling at about 150ft, then landing gracefully, skimming the shimmering blue water like a great gull. It was a magic moment. The crowds within sight gasped as they watched the seaplane again rise suddenly when Lieutenant Boothman opened his engine full throttle and flashed the starting-line into

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Plained with blood
- 2—Former Central American nation
- 3—Rope vehicle
- 4—Melody
- 5—Girl's name
- 6—Whisper's opponent
- 7—Sodium chloride
- 8—Do in
- 9—Related
- 10—Folds in garment
- 11—Jolly place
- 12—Trotted wheel
- 13—Arrest
- 14—Acted as female parent
- 15—Character in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night"
- 16—Province in India
- 17—Scene action
- 18—At present
- 19—Look over
- 20—Permit to live
- 21—Room
- 22—Cardinal (abbr.)
- 23—In Ireland, god of the Norse pantheon
- 24—Pat
- 25—Lowest naval commissioned officer
- 26—Filled with booty of plants
- 27—High table-land
- 28—Entrance
- 29—More than supported
- 30—Held under lease
- 31—Suspend
- 32—Food in general
- 33—Using mamma!

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- 1—Ancient Roman emperor
- 2—Girl's name
- 3—Religious ceremony
- 4—Listed thoroughly
- 5—Male voice
- 6—Without friends
- 7—Ancient Scythian navigator
- 8—Unit of force
- 9—One full to overflowing
- 10—Girl's name
- 11—Itinerary
- 12—Difficult shot in billiards
- 13—One of very ancient Italian
- 14—Absolute ruler
- 15—Draw water from
- 16—That which is within
- 17—Loop of rope
- 18—Tense
- 19—Made mistake
- 20—Exhibiting sound
- 21—Niger tribe of Congo
- 22—Old
- 23—Country in Nebraska
- 24—Visible representation
- 25—Not as warm
- 26—Eagle's nest
- 27—Friend (slang)
- 28—Otter
- 29—African seaport
- 30—Spool
- 31—Changing agent
- 32—Girl's name
- 33—Small secluded valley
- 34—Years of life

Some New War Means Are Old To Magicians

MAGICIANS have more startling tricks than ever this season, but without a single exception they are based on known physical foundations that can be mastered by anyone with a proper training in legerdemain, according to Mrs. Harry Houdini, who has just returned to her home in Los Angeles from a round of conventions of the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians.

"It is a mistake to teach children superstitions about supernatural phenomena," says the widow of the man who was world famous for his illusions, and who spent much of his lifetime exposing and debunking the so-called "supernatural."

psychic phenomena are without foundation," Mrs. Houdini says.

Magicians spent considerable time at the conventions discussing the extent to which nations at war are now using some of the most spectacular tricks of the trade.

Mrs. Houdini says it was her husband who taught the inventor of the rip-cord parachute how to fold huge pieces of silk into a small package, a trick first demonstrated on the stage of the Hippodrome Theatre in New York.

Prior to the World War, Houdini himself gave to the Navy Department a diving suit which he perfected for one of his acts.

For a number of years, magicians have startled their audiences with "devil fire," harmless looking bits of paper that suddenly burst into flames, a device reported to have been scattered in large quantities by war planes in Europe recently.

Camouflage is but a large scale adaptation of principles known and practiced by magicians for centuries, according to Mrs. Houdini, and even recent stories of new "invisible paint" applied to aeroplanes are "old stuff" to professional prestigitators.

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DEATHS

BROOK.—At the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday, Joshua Brook, at the age of 56 years, the Cortège will leave Anderson's Funeral Parlour at 5 p.m. to-day passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

MAY.—At the Matilda Hospital, Hongkong, at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd January, Annie May, widow of the late George Thomas May, in her 68th year. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

BIRTH

WHITE.—At the War Memorial Nursing Home, on the 24th inst., to Margaret, wife of G. A. White, a son, Timothy Peter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

Friday, January 24, 1941.

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BRITAIN'S TRADE

Although Sir Arthur Salter, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping, recently stated that it had been found necessary to sacrifice Britain's foreign trade to some extent, there is evidence to show that no effort is being spared to keep up the flow of exports abroad, especially to the United States whose dollars are needed to help pay for the equipment that keeps the British war effort moving. The convoys that carry aeroplanes, steel, guns and shells to British ports do not return to the American Continent in ballast. On the contrary, they still continue to make their westward passage well laden with merchandise for the United States market and similar efforts are being made to keep the trade with South America flowing smoothly.

Reports from New York and other American cities show that though Britain's trade may not be "as usual" it is nevertheless continuing. Christmas shoppers found that British textiles, toys, sweaters, gloves, shoes, etc. were plentiful amid an almost total lack of goods from other European countries. Furthermore, a circular, dealing with the woollen trade, stated that British tweeds for men and women are available and will continue to be so. The British woollen industry is now under Government control but evidently the raw material is being fairly distributed, otherwise the circular

A New Alexander

by
Charles Foley

A NEW Alexander has astonished the world and brought new laurels to Greece.

Italy's humiliation in the Greek mountains is due above all to Lieut.-General Alexander Papagos, who was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Greek forces on the outbreak of war.

In spite of his family name there is nothing of the patriarch about this sinewy, handsome soldier.

He received his advanced training in the Ecole de Guerre, the French Staff College, which overlooks the "Field of Mars" in Paris. Here Foch lectured when the century was young.

A cavalry captain in the Balkan wars, Papagos was promoted in 1914 to command a brigade. His age was twenty-eight.

The Greek warrior king Constantine made him his right-hand man. They rode victoriously against the Turks in 1921, deep into Anatolia. Papagos called for a halt; the king cried "Forward!" Greece suffered a devastating defeat.

When Constantine was exiled Papagos kept his royalist faith burning high. In 1935 he went to London to ask, in the name of the Greek Army, that Constantine's son, George II, of the Hellenes, should return to the throne of his fathers.

Like King George, Papagos has always been an admirer of British institutions, and he has his own ideas about the Italians.

In 1936 he vowed that Greece would do her duty against Italy if the Abyssinian campaign led to general war.

You must not see in him a reckless, challenging adventurer. He learned in Paris to regard war as a science; he applied this knowledge to the defensive needs of Greece, re-organising the army, pushing on the defensive works they call the Metaxas Line.

When Italy began her treacherous attack Papagos was ready. "We will write new and glorious pages in our history," he cried. "We will fight on to the last breath."

The glorious pages have been written—to the confusion of Rome's would-be Caesar and to the admiration of the world, which knew that Greece was small and poor in war material, but did not realise she was so rich and great in spirit.

would not have appeared in New York assuring buyers of quick delivery of all orders.

The necessity of maintaining overseas trade is very thoroughly recognised by the manufacturers in Britain and though Hongkong or other parts of the Empire may seem short in certain accustomed commodities, especially in non-essential goods, the United States and other countries able to carry on more or less normal trading facilities, will not be allowed to suffer any lack. The same determination that sends Londoners to their daily occupation no matter what havoc the air raid of the night before has wrought is dominating the unceasing effort to keep up the flow of goods to the vital markets of the world.



THERE'S ONLY ONE TOPIC...

REPRISALS?

PHILIP NOEL-BAKER, M.P.,

answers the question of the moment with an emphatic—

NO!

"Mr. Churchill came himself to our street. And when he saw what they'd done to our homes, big tears rolled down his cheeks, and he said: 'They'll get the same; they'll get the same.' But next day we read that our boys had been over Berlin, and they hadn't dropped a bomb. You don't know what to think, you don't really."

HE was a mother from the East End, taking her little girl to safety by a Scotch express. She wanted the mothers and children of Berlin to be bombed, as she was bombed. Because they had not been bombed, she proceeded to express what in Japan are known as "dangerous" thoughts—thoughts so dangerous that they moved a Canadian sergeant in the other corner to a protest in which sturdy encouragement was mingled with plain reproach.

"I Can't Forget . . ."

No-one who saw that little girl could fail to understand the mother's feelings. No-one who has followed Hitler's criminal campaigns, both against his opponents in Germany and his neighbours abroad, can fail to see that sadistic terrorism against the defenceless and the weak is his favourite weapon. He has proved it often to be a weapon of deadly power. Can we, ask those in favour of reprisals, now admit that he alone shall use it?

Must we be restrained by moral scruples, by the old rules of international law, from adopting methods which he has used on us; methods by which, as many people think, we could quickly win the war?

Put like that, the question plainly protests: "No." But . . . I shall never forget a sunny day in April, 1918.

I was driving up the road from Poppleton to Ypres, when suddenly, around a bend, French Colonial troops came running in twos and threes. They had thrown away their arms, and they were flying, in uncontrollable panic, from the line.

They had been gassed; they were the first victims of the Kaiser's violation of the "Laws of War."

"We Can, But . . ."

We all remember the fearful shock given to world opinion by his use of this illegal arm. Yet within two years the Allies were beating the German Army in the use of poison gas; and it, in reprisals, we could use that

weapon then, can we not now use the weapon of random, indiscriminate bombing by which Hitler hopes to beat us down?

Of course, we can. And, if we did, no-one could say that we had been guilty of a legal wrong.

Hitler has smashed every last remnant of the Laws of War; our hands are free to take whatever measures are required to bring his monstrous aggressions to an end.

But if we did resort to random bombing, I believe we should commit the gravest of under of all this blundering war.

I believe we should do more to prolong the war, perhaps to imperil victory, than if we lost another great campaign.

The People's Part

We all know that, if we win, it will be when the war has become, like the Napoleonic struggle, a war of European Revolution against conquest and tyranny. In that revolution the German people must play their part.

At present, the whips and the machine-guns of the S.S. men keep them hopeless. But we know that even in 1933, after he had been six weeks in office, Hitler could not win a majority at the polls.

We know that there are millions, tens of millions, of Germans who hate the cruelties of Hitler's prisons and the crimes of Hitler's wars.

The day will come when our Fifth Column in Germany may comprise not only all the German workers, but the majority of the German nation as a whole.

Nothing could so certainly retard that day as the random bombing of the women and children of Berlin.

Anti-Nazis

The German Army has won great victories. They were won, in part, by the vast numerical superiority of their bombers and their tanks.

They were won still more by uncredible disregard of human life, whether of friend or foe.

But there is widespread witness that, when they are vigorously opposed, the morale of the German soldiers is not so good as the morale of the Kaiser's Army a quarter of a century ago.

Many of them are anti-Nazi; among many of the rest there is no conviction that their cause is just, that they are fighting for the safety of their country, their families and their homes.

Nothing could so stiffen their morale as the random bombing of German towns.

Both at home and in the Army, it is, in reprisals, we could use that

Gochbels has been able to play for many a day.

And random bombing is a form of war in which we should give Hitler every possible advantage.

Working from France, with their short "turn-round," and with their advantage in numbers, his aircraft can drop a far heavier weight of bombs to Britain than we can send to Germany in reply.

At night, his pilots cannot find their military targets; our pilots can and do. By random bombing we should sacrifice that immense technical advantage.

We know that, up to date, we have done incomparably greater military damage in Germany than he has done to us.

We know that in London he has wasted—yes, wasted—a vast proportion of his bombs.

Why should we imitate his example and do the same?

That argument is greatly strengthened by the fact that Hitler may soon be running short of oil.

Every expert is agreed that he has already begun to feel the pinch. It is his greatest weakness, and it is a mortal weakness.

The Best Targets

Without oil, not a single German aircraft can fly, not a submarine can put to sea, not a tank or a gun can take the field.

Transport difficulties make it impossible for Hitler to bring more than a small proportion of his requirements from Rumania. The other countries he has occupied produce no oil; we have stopped their normal overseas supplies; they are an actual drain on his oil resources.

Already, Hugh Dalton tells us, we have bombed 80 per cent. of his oil refineries and 90 per cent. of his plants for making oil from coal.

If we multiply the bombs, these refineries and plants can be utterly destroyed.

Already we have set fire to many of his oil reserves; and we know that oil tanks, once well alight, may burn for weeks. They are the easiest of all targets to find and hit.

With such targets at our mercy it would be utter madness to bomb women and children inside their cities.

Germany must be on its knees every night and morning praying to Thor and Odin to strike us with this madness.

An Abomination

Finally, whatever we ourselves may suffer, the bombing of women and children remains an abomination, which, if we were guilty of it, all future generations of our people would deplore.

Our pilots have done deeds that have been the wonder of the world. They have been inspired, at least in part, by the cold anger which they felt at the atrocities committed by the Nazi airman in Holland, in Belgium and in France.

If we told them now to commit these same atrocities in Germany, I believe they would think it not only a waste, but a veritable prostitution, of their courage, their training and their skill.

I should not like to be the man who gave the order. And I hope, and I believe, that no such order will be given, either now or in the months to come.

THE DANCING CENTENARIAN

Suffolk's oldest evacuee, Mr. William Minter, of Ipswich, step-danced round a cake with 100 candles at Leicester in celebration of his 100th birthday.

The dancing centenarian writes verse and entertains his friends with selections from music-hall favourites. He has four great-grandsons in the Forces.

"ALL CLEAR"

By F. G. H. Salusbury

THERE'S a red dawn rising whence the raiders fled,
And brick dust thick upon a shattered bed;
There's a new world waking that the bombs have made,
And one more morning for the Chars' Brigade.

For the skies may thunder and the guns may roar,
But brass wants cleaning on the office door;
There are floors want washing in the board rooms,
And someone's got to use the pails and brooms.

Through the long streets, haunted still by wild-eyed cats,
Come staunch old bouncers greeting staunch old bats;
With a "What luck, dearie?" and a "Can't complain,"
The Ma's of London take the field again.

Though the Hun may threaten until all bells freeze,
It's only work will find Ma on her knees;
And it goes like clockwork, after raid on raid,
Does the "All Clear" given by the Chars' Brigade.

Nomura's Plans For Pacifying Tokyo-Washington Relations

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The departure of Ambassador Nomura for America is coincident with revelations by "United Press" of a three-point programme by which efforts will be made to improve Japanese-American relations after his arrival in Washington.

Well-informed Japanese sources told "United Press" firstly, Japanese diplomacy centres on the tripartite pact; secondly, Japanese diplomacy would insist on United States recognition of Japan as the stabilising factor in the Far East; and thirdly, Japan is willing to make vigorous efforts consistent with the two foregoing principles to improve relations with the United States.

N.E.I. Snubs Matsuoka Claims Want No Part In New Order

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BATAVIA, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Netherlands East Indies press objected to Mr Matsuoka's reference to the Indies as "the same as Thailand and Indo-China."

As H. Van Mook "strong man of the N.E.I." heading the Dutch delegates soon to spar with the Japanese trade mission said in a statement: "There is no change in the stand of the Volksraad which is claiming that the Netherlands East Indies are no part of the Asiatic bloc. It is of vital importance for the Netherlands East Indies to maintain complete sovereignty." Van Mook refused to discuss the present political aspect, saying that his Department was solely economic. He said that 90 per cent of Netherlands East Indies export trade and income was with non-East Asiatic countries.

The press comments that "Mr Matsuoka's South Sea lyrics" are totally unnecessary to revise the situation in "such a drastic manner as is possibly indicated." The "Java Bode" in an editorial said that the inclusion of the Netherlands East Indies in the category of "The New Order of Asia" would give Japan the right to interfere in her foreign and interior policies.

Relation With Japan

BATAVIA, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The firm stand of the Netherlands East Indies against any interference with their sovereignty was re-affirmed today by Van Mook, Director of Economic Affairs.

Commenting in an interview with "Reuter" on Mr Yosuke Matsuoka's speech in the Japanese Diet, Jonkheer Van Mook said that he failed to understand what Mr Matsuoka meant by a "situation which has hitherto thwarted the relations of good neighbourliness" with the Japanese. "Our relation with Japan has been promoted in the same manner and zeal as those with other countries," Jonkheer Van Mook declared.

Discussing Mr Matsuoka's statement that "if only for geographical reasons," the Netherlands East Indies should be in intimate and inseparable relationship with Japan, he said that the economic situation of the N.E.I. made it necessary to promote trade relations with both Allied and neutral countries alike on the largest possible scale, adding that despite the war 90 per cent of the East Indies' export income was derived from other than East Asiatic countries. That proved, he said, that mere geographical situation was not the deciding economic factor.

General Wu Teh-chen

RANGOON, Jan. 23.—General Wu Teh-chen left for Baseline south-west of Rangoon to-day but is expected to return on January 24.

He was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Governor of Burma, Sir Archibald Cochrane, on the following day, he addressed the Rangoon Rotary Club.

Departure From Tokyo

To see Admiral Nomura off at Tokyo station, Mr Joseph Grew, American Ambassador, and other Embassy officials, attired in morning coats and silk hats were on hand. Mr Grew accompanied Admiral Nomura to the ship, the Kamakura Maru, which is scheduled to sail from Yokohama.

Foreign Minister Y. Matsuoka, Army Chiefs including General Sugiyama, and Admirals Zengo Yoshida, Osami and Nagano were among the several hundreds of high Government officials and civilian leaders who said goodbye to Admiral Nomura at the Tokyo Station platform, which was guarded by a special squad ofgendarmes.

Admiral Nomura is accompanied by his adviser, Kaname Watanabe, who was a former Consul General at New York, his personal physician, Doctor Kitano Sakai, and his secretary Katsuzo Okumura.

Refrigerator And Cooker

Among Prizes For The Bomber Fund Raffle

Over two hundred valuable prizes have now been donated for the Bomber Raffle which is being organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee in aid of the War Fund, the total value being approximately \$25,000. The following are the latest gifts:

One Mifflin Electric Refrigerator, 6.6 cubic feet, value \$900; One Mifflin Electric Cooker, 7.6 kilowatts; value \$410, both British Empire products, donated by Messrs Shewan, Tomes & Co.

One Magazine Cine-Kodak, f.1.0. Lens, value \$540, donated by the Eastman Kodak Company. One beach canoe; one silver rose bowl and one silver card case, donated by Major and Mrs. Wilcox. Two credit notes, value \$100 each, one credit note value \$50, on the Sincere Co. Ltd., donated by China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co. Ltd. The tickets, which are being specially designed and printed free of charge, will not be available for some time, but enquiries should be addressed to "Bomber Raffle, Hongkong War Effort Committee, Office, Star Ferry Wharf, Hongkong. Telephone 27323.

ENGLISH JUDGE

RESIGNS

Mr Justice Greaves-Lord has resigned his office of judge of the High Court of Justice, owing to ill-health. Mr Justice Greaves-Lord, who in 1935, became a judge of the High Court in 1935. He had been Recorder of Manchester for 13 years before his elevation to the Bench, and was Conservative M.P. for Norwood.

BERLIN BY MISTAKE

Warning shots from batteries in the centre of the city were fired when a German training machine of the Dornier 23 type flew into the banned area over Berlin recently.

The plane thereupon immediately flew left and it was explained that it had lost its bearings and had entered the Berlin area by mistake.

U. S.-Soviet Relations

MOSCOW, Jan. 23 (Reuter).

—The lifting of the United States "moral embargo" on the export of aeroplanes to Russia has been announced on the Soviet radio but not yet in the press as no newspapers published here to-day.

Official circles are reticent on the subject, but opinion here is that the lifting of this ban, coupled with the establishment of an American Consulate-General at Vladivostok, suggests an improvement in Soviet-American relations.

Japanese Industrialists Win Economic Issue

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The "Asahi" said that besides the abandonment of the election revision law plan, the Cabinet decided to shelve the bill for the establishment of "A new economic structure" under which the Government would take over the management of industries, a bill which had been strongly opposed by industrialists.

However, the Cabinet was planning to achieve virtually the same purpose by revising the national mobilisation law under which the business licensing system would be instituted.

Upper House Support

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—Upper House members have decided to submit to the Plenary Session on Saturday a resolution similar to the lower House's, supporting the Cabinet in strengthening defences in order to cope with the present grave situation both at home and abroad. It reflects virtually an unconditional support of the Government programme.

Indo-China Increases Import Duties

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Department of Commerce to-day received a cablegram from Saigon revealing that a new schedule of import duties, applicable to all countries, became effective in French Indo-China on January 1.

The duties are wholly ad valorem, ranging from five per cent to 130 per cent on the minimum tariff, with a general rate of three times the minimum. The list of products heretofore exempted from import duty remains substantially unchanged. Minimum rates will continue to be applied to most imports from the United States.

Thyssen Handed Over To Hitler

LONDON, Jan. 23. The financier, Fritz Thyssen, former backer of Hitler, has been handed to the Gestapo by the French Police, according to the Daily Express. With his wife he was taken from the Cannes Hotel on December 12 by an automobile to the frontier of Nazi France, where a German Police car took over the prisoners.—Reuter.



INSPECTS COMMAND—Princess Mary, Britain's Princess Royal, inspects guard of honour of Royal Signal Corps, at unnamed camp in England. She was accompanied by Sir Gordon Finlayson.

DANISH COUNCIL FORMED

A Danish Council has just been formed in London. It will represent all Danes and persons of Danish birth in Great Britain in their effort to work for British victory and the liberation of Denmark; help to solve problems arising from the suspension of relations with Denmark, and co-operate with existing organisations, both in this country and abroad.

The inauguration took place at the Danish Club recently, at which were present several important members of the Danish colony in London. It was presided over by Mr T. K. Kjelberg, who has a son an officer in the British Army and a daughter in the A.T.S. He is a member of the L.D.V.

United Voice

Mr Kjelberg said that through the Council all Danes in this country would be able to speak and act with one united voice.

Office premises have been taken which would be a bureau for Danes who were anxious to serve the cause of liberty. It will link up with the great Danish populations in America and the British Empire.

Five Red Army Chiefs Get 31 Diamonds Each

Marshals Timoshenko, Voroshilov, Budenny, Kulik and Shaposhnikov, of the Red Army, have been awarded the gold Marshal's Star.

This star, which is studded with thirty-one diamonds, rivals in splendour any decoration of the old Czarist armies. It is worn around the neck.

SIX KILLED IN RESCUE BID

The pilot and four passengers of an aeroplane were killed when the pilot tried to catch a parachutist whose parachute had failed to open at Marianna, Arkansas. The parachutist was also killed. The plane dived to get under the parachutist, but collided with him and crashed.

CHINESE PAINTING

An exhibition of her Chinese paintings will be given at the Peacock Room, Exchange Building, on February 8, by Miss Wu Yung-hsing, noted Chinese artist and daughter of Mr Aitken K. Wu, former well-known diplomat.

BERLIN, Jan. 23 (UP).—The new German Minister to Rumania, Herr von Killinger, is now enroute to Bucharest.

Amah Soffocated By Gag And Teeth

Sentences Of Death

Sentence of death was passed by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on Lui Shek, 22, Tam Wang-kit, 34, and Chan Fel, 35, who were found guilty of the murder of a woman, Tsui Kuen, at 60, Argyle Street, on November 24. Tsui, who was employed there as an amah, died of suffocation as a result of her false teeth being dislodged by a gag placed in her mouth by robbers.

Chan said he was with Lui and Tam. They were hungry and desperate and were trying to find a means of living. Lui proposed they go and rob a house but it was difficult without arms. Chan then suggested they try the flat in Argyle Street, where on Sundays there was only an amah in the flat, as the rest of the inmates usually attended church. Lui and Tam agreed.

"I went to Argyle Street and stood opposite the flat. Soon afterwards the other two arrived. They went to the school. I stayed in the street some distance away waiting for them. When they came down and I asked if they had money Tam replied that Lui had what little there was. There was no talk of the amah having been bound. We never had any discussion that violence should be used."

Mr Macnamara said it was most unfortunate that the woman had false teeth. In a case of this kind if the jury found accused guilty it was always possible to add a recommendation for mercy.

The Jury retired for 65 minutes before returning their findings. They added a strong recommendation for mercy in the case of each accused.

Death, the Chief Justice said.—"The law provides only one punishment for the crime of which you have been found guilty. The Jury has strongly recommended each of you to mercy and in the circumstances I shall be able to add my endorsement to that recommendation."

The Jury were granted exemption from service for a year.

Brazil Restricts Immigration

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 22. It is learned that the chaotic conditions in the world, as a result of the European war, have obliged the Brazilian Government to adopt temporary restrictive measures on her immigration which will also apply to tourists visiting Brazil. Visas cannot be given for any nationals except North and South Americans and Portuguese.—United Press.

Next Year's Plane Plans

Washington, Jan. 23. Mr Knudsen, head of President Roosevelt's Supreme Defence Directorate, stated at a Press conference to-day that he hoped that 33,000 military planes would be turned out by July, 1942. Of these 14,000 had been earmarked for Britain.—Reuter.

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ITALIAN TORPEDO

A torpedo used in the recent attempt by Italian officers to hit ships in harbour at Gibraltar is described as self-manned, with a self-steering wheel.

This description was applied by people who, while travelling to Gibraltar from La Linea, the Spanish frontier town, saw the unexploded torpedo on the beach at La Linea.

The Spanish military authorities, including the Governor of Algeciras, inspected the area, which was promptly cordoned off. No one was allowed to approach until the afternoon, when the torpedo was removed.

Drury Lane Bomb Missed Treasures

Goering's bombers hit the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, in recent raids. But they failed to do what Grimaldi, Nell Gwyn, Peg Woffington, Garrick and Dan Leno always did; they failed to bring the house down.

A heavy bomb fell about midnight and went through the roof, the gallery, the upper circle and the grand circle and exploded at the back of the pit.

The damage is luckily confined to the auditorium. All the treasures of the theatre are untouched—the Royal Box, from which George II. announced the victory of Culloden Moor, the Green Room, the mirror used by Garrick, the room in which Sheridan wrote "The School for Scandal."

Since the War ENSA has had its headquarters at the Lane. It didn't miss one hour's work for the bombing, the stage being protected by its iron curtain, which the blast from the back of the pit buckled "like a leaf."



CHILE RESENTS COMMUNISTS—More than 50,000 persons jammed into Parque Casino, in Santiago, Chile, in a mass demonstration against Communists. Disorders were prevented by military guards, but demonstrators carried many signs, as above, protesting Communist influence.

Duce's Shore Defence Train

To Italy's naval strength (or imaginary strength) add an unspecified number of trains especially equipped for fighting off attacks from the sea.

Active use of these trains was disclosed during the four-day war with France.

Two locomotives, it is disclosed by Associated Press from Rome, were kept with steam up constantly, ready to haul the train at high speed at the first sign of a bombardment from the sea.

At the signal, all civilian traffic was sidetracked to allow the fighting train to rush through to the danger point. The particular train described carried one car of munitions right behind the engine, several cars of long-range guns and their equipment, and one car on which were mounted anti-aircraft artillery and special machine guns for fighting off enemy planes.

Raid-Blinded Given Home

Blind V.C.'s Generosity

A V.C.—Sir Becheroff Towse, who was blinded in the Boer War—has lent his beautiful Thames-side home to the National Institute for the Blind as a training centre for civilians who have lost their sight in air raids.

Sir Becheroff, who is chairman of the Institute, hoped that as a result of a recent appeal owners of country houses would offer their homes for this purpose but not one has responded. He hopes his own gesture will be an example.

Part of the cost of the training scheme will be met by a gift of £10,000 from Lord Nuffield.

Pharaoh's Forgotten Wife

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—Tallatariun Pharaoh Unas, who ruled Egypt in the 19th century before Christ, had a very completely forgotten wife, it is now revealed by archaeologists who have unearthed and entered the tomb of a Queen Nebet among royal burials in Sakkara.

The very name of Queen Nebet is unfamiliar to modern Egyptologists, but Zaki Y. Saad, leader of the explorations, has found convincing evidence in the tomb to conclude that she was undoubtedly the royal wife of Unas.

The empty tomb, pronounced richly sculptured, is adorned with a great array of inscriptions, adding to knowledge of Egypt's fifth dynasty. A portrait of the queen delicately holding a lotus flower stands over a doorway.

Absolute Monarchs

Pharaohs in the fourth to sixth dynasties are known to have ruled Egypt as absolute monarchs by divine right, and to have held all high offices in the government in dictatorial fashion, including direction of the armies, legal affairs, and the highly important religious functions of the state. Pharaoh owned all land in Egypt, and was the only earthly inhabitant who looked forward to a heavenly life with the gods.

When the tomb of Pharaoh Unas was first entered in modern times by archaeologists in 1891, the royal burial had been robbed, and a few scattered bones are the only remains of this one-time powerful king.

Americans Not Getting Proper Food

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Dr M. L. Wilson, Extension director of the agricultural department, estimates that 45,000,000 Americans are not getting proper food.

"It is impossible to measure the exact nutritional status of all these people, but we do know that diets such as they are consuming cannot promote optimum nutrition over long periods," he told the Southeastern Regional Restaurant convention.

Wilson said the poor nutrition was due to bad food habits and to lack of knowledge of the relation of proper food to health.

He urged restaurants to provide well-planned club meals or "blue plate" specials of nutritive foods instead of specialising on sandwiches.

Miss Harriet Elliott, Defence Commission consumers' counsel, told the convention that improving the nutritional level of the country is a first defence requirement.

Nazis Fear Paris News-Sheets

THE spread of clandestine news-sheets in Paris and elsewhere in the occupied region of France has led Otto Abetz, Ribbentrop's agent there, to take counter-measures in two directions.

Through the Paris Chief of Police, M. Langeron, he has forbidden the sale of stencils, gelatine pads or other apparatus which can be used for making copies of typewritten documents.

All duplicating apparatus must be declared to the police and a register kept of all persons buying such articles.

Furthermore, M. Jacques Doriot, the ex-Communist who quarrelled with Moscow and now displays strong Fascist sentiments, has been given a new organ in which to express them in the German interest.

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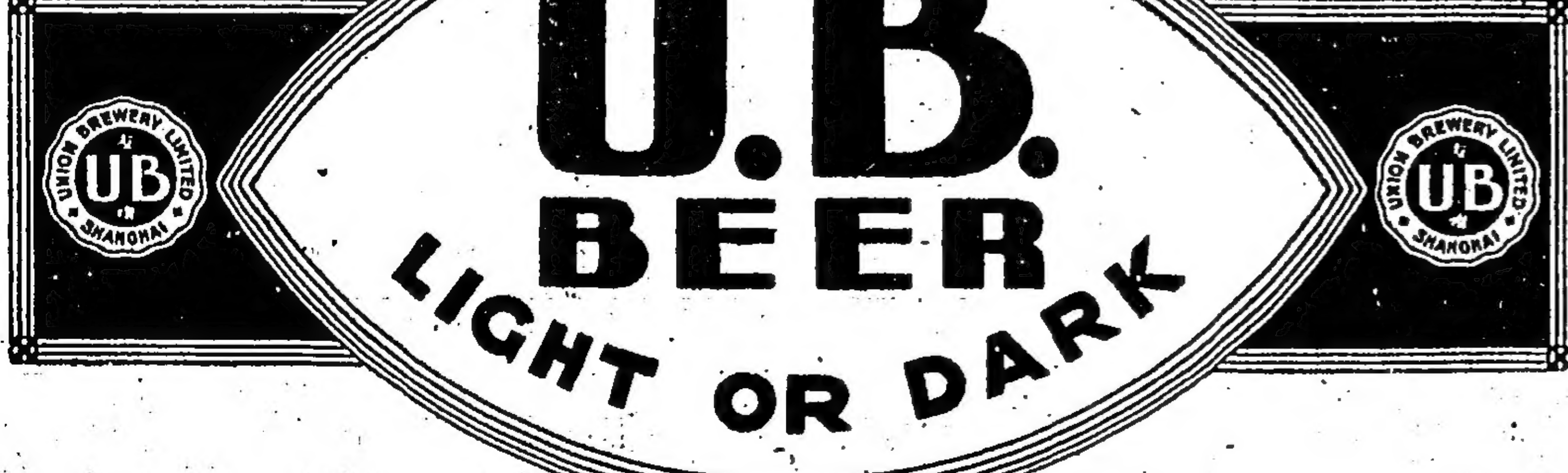
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mechanized units forging ahead and cutting off one vital strong post after another. From the very beginning, these units hardly stopped moving. A famous tank regiment which I visited, chased one Italian division right into Bardia. In the course of this task, they were subjected to formidable Italian air attacks. On one day alone they had 18 bomber and 15 fighting attacks, but latterly such attacks have been entirely absent owing to the fact that the R.A.F. has smashed up the Italian aerodromes.

I was privileged to accompany a daylight patrol. Climbing up from a deep basin, we gradually approached level ground and made a survey of many miles. As look-out points against unexpected tank sallies, the Italians had established a series of air squatters and look-out posts around the whole perimeter of the Tobruk defences. But a young officer told me that many figures seen on these poles proved to be dummies.

Tank traps have also proved formidable and many booby traps and hidden mines were also discovered.

How Italy Took It
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Italian press makes valiant efforts to minimise the importance of the fall of Tobruk.

Newspapers stress the view that the capture "cannot substantially change the course of the war" and

Pétain's Stalling Annoys The Nazis

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victim of intrigues which have now been exposed. It is time that steps were taken against the persons in the Vichy entourage responsible for "criminal" agitation against the "saviour" of France.

There is at present no indication of Vichy's reaction to the tremendous German pressure in favour of Laval's restoration to a position of authority in the Vichy Government.

Laval Discredited

It is, however, obvious that Laval is now so discredited in French eyes that if he is forced upon the Vichy Government, it will be regarded as humiliating and will not make Laval or the Germans more popular.

The whole episode strengthens the belief that a much more resilient spirit is prevailing at Vichy and is finding sustenance in the knowledge of British Mediterranean successes. Admiral Leahy's interviews with Pétain can have left no doubt as to the reality and magnitude of American aid for democracy.

declare that Italy is as resolved as ever to fight on until final victory is achieved.

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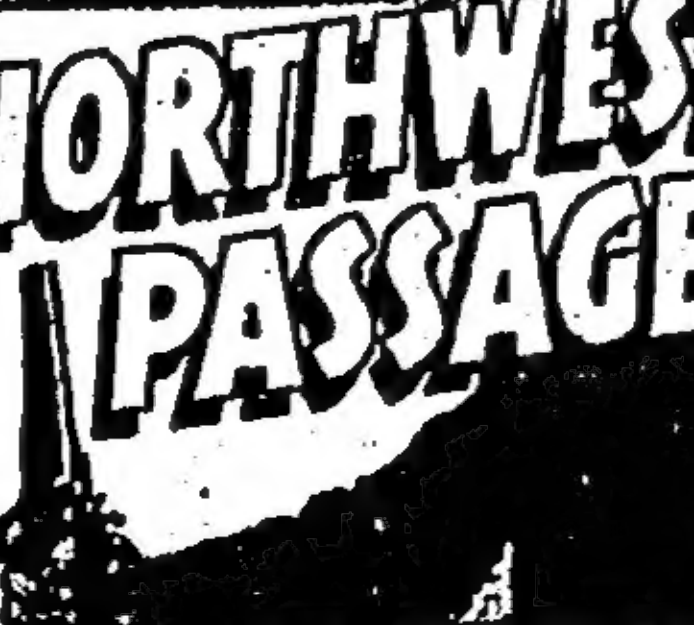


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town and broke the steel, concrete, and sand-bagged barrier and then drove in. They were met by a couple of bursts of machine-gun fire to which they promptly replied.

Then the entire garrison surrendered.

I followed into the town with khaki-clad Australian infantry—men caked with the dust from the Libyan desert and burnt with the sun, and with uniforms torn after days of strenuous fighting.

Unnerved Garrison

As I entered the gateway with the victorious Imperial troops, thousands of exhausted and unnerved Italians were streaming out. All resistance had virtually ended by sunset the day before.

The Solero Aliente forts had been silenced after stiff fighting, and the stronghold of Pilastrino, which had been putting up terrific artillery fire, had been captured.

During the attack on Pilastrino, the Australians came unsuspectingly on 14 Italian tanks in a dried-up river bed. Reinforced by an anti-tank battery, the infantry, although suffering some casualties, knocked out the tanks quickly.

Infantryman Takes Tank

One Australian captured a tank and its crew of four with his rifle and bayonet.

When Pilastrino was occupied by the British, it was shelled from Solero Aliente forts until they were also taken.

In the open desert between Solero Aliente, the Brigadier commanding the Australians captured Major-General Derro Mura of the 61st Metropolitan Division.

Meanwhile the eastern and western sectors of the perimeter defences had been cut off. After that they only resisted spasmodically and quickly surrendered.

Water Shortage Risks

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—In a broadcast war commentary, Major General R. J. Colling said that General Wavell's original attack might have had to be one of the tip-and-run type—a mere raid, though on a large scale.

"Without water, no one could have carried on. In fact, without the help of the Navy, who somehow managed to land stores and thousands of gallons of water at Sollum, I do not think it could have been done. "Except for what they were lucky enough to capture during the advance, there was no water at all between Mersa Matruh and Bardia, nearly 150 miles away. Water had been and may be again, the crux, of the whole show."

Press Acclaims Wavell

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—That the end of the Fascist Regime is brought yet nearer by the fall of Tobruk is the theme of London newspaper editorials on the latest success in Libya, which is hailed as another example of General Wavell's military brilliance.

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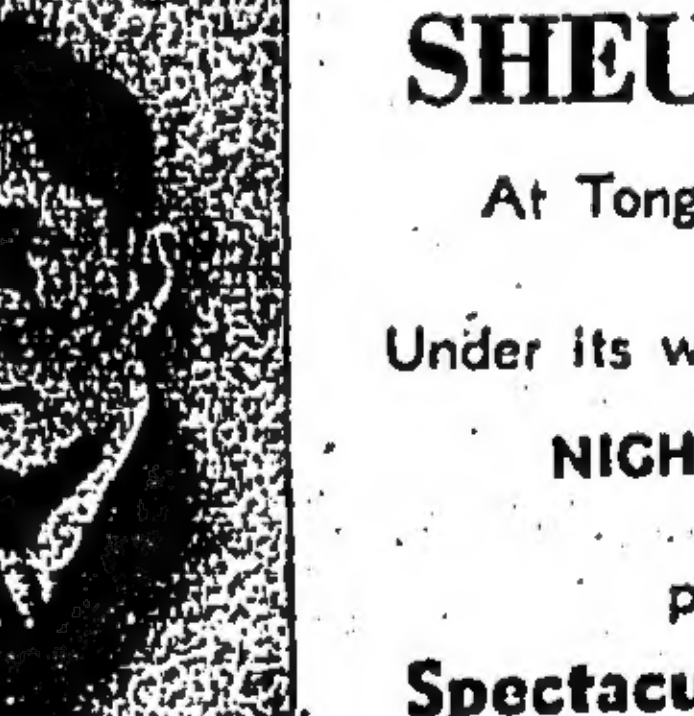
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9.30 London Relay—"Talk: 'Books and People'."

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Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna—Overture (Sappho)—State Opera Orchestra; O Charming Hour—The Dream (from "Maison-Massenet")—Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Rustle of Spring, Op. 32, No. 3 (Sindling); Scherzo Impromptu, Op. 73, No. 2 (Grieg);—Eileen Joyce (Piano); One Fine Day (from "Madam Butterfly"—Puccini)—Rosetta Pampaloni (Soprano) with Orchestra; Valse de Concert, Op. 47 (Glazounov);—San Francisco Symphony Orchestra; Passing By (Herrieck and Purcell); The Gentle Maiden (arr. Somervell);—Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orchestra; Fair Rosemary (Kreisler); Rondino (On a Theme by Beethoven)—Kreisler;—Felix Kreisler (Violin) with Piano acc.; Grant, O Love (from "The Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart);—Tina Lennitz (Soprano) with Orchestra; Divertimento, Op. 17 in D Major (Mozart);—Sir Hamilton Hartley cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra; Dove Song; Valse d'Are Ye (from "The Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart);—Tina Lennitz (Soprano) with Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

Federal Debt Limit Bill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Representative Robert Doughton, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee said he would introduce a bill in the House this week-end to raise the Federal debt limit. He said the maximum has not been decided on as yet, although "there had been suggestions of \$65,000,000,000."

MONSTER WAR FUND RAFFLE

Donors of Prizes are requested to hold them until won, when the Hongkong War Effort Committee will issue orders for collection to the winners.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday and Tuesday, the 27th and 28th January, 1941. (China New Year Holidays).

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1941.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be HELD at the Hongkong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 11th February, 1941, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 1st February to TUESDAY, 11th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1941.

EWO BEER

Owing to the increase in Excise Duty, and cost of raw materials, the prices of Ewo Beer as from January 24th will be increased as under:—

Per case of 48

Quarts \$5.00

Per case of 72

Pints \$4.00

Per barrel \$3.30

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NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post
China and Macao
16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign
25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph
China and Macao
14 cents per copy
16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: The market was quietly steady.

Sellers

Canton Ins. \$210.
Union Ins. \$405.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$105.
Providents \$5.70.
Hotels \$2.65.
Telephones "C" \$25.25.
Watsons \$11.
Entertainments \$7.
Constructions "O" \$1.00.

Buyers

Union Ins. \$412.50.
Watsons \$98.
Docks "O" \$18.50.
Lands 4% Debentures \$100.
Star Ferries \$54.
Cements \$18.35.
Ropes \$8.35.
Vibro Piling \$7.70.

Sales

H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) 82½.
Union Ins. \$410.
Watsons \$98.
Providents \$5.80.
Trams \$18.40.
Lights "O" \$30.40.
Electric "O" \$40.25.
Electric "N" \$40.
Cements \$10/18.25.
Ropes \$8.25.
Watsons \$11.15.
Lane Crawford \$7.60.

Dance For Seafarers
It is announced that a dance for seafarers will be held at the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute at 9 o'clock to-night, and that admission is free to any of the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy.

G. R.

NOTICE

HONG KONG WATER SUPPLY

It is hereby notified that a constant supply of water will be given, in all districts from 5.00 a.m. on January 25 to 10 p.m. on January 27 in connection with the Chinese New Year Festival.

A. B. PURVES,

Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1941.

Fanling Golf Starting Times

SATURDAY

OLD COURSE

212 E. G. Price, F. N. Merritt.
216 Dodwell & Co., V. Butterfield & Co.
220 J. W. Clague, F. A. Howard.
224 P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland.
232 M. A. Annett, Col Matthews.

SUNDAY

OLD COURSE

9.10 G. T. Harrington, Capt. Thursby.
9.20 H. Overy, A. H. McElreath.
9.30 R. H. Pearson, J. W. McKee.
9.40 J. G. Alexander, M. A. Annett.
9.50 G. M. Park, A. B. Purves.
10.00 A. V. Greaves, W. M. Barton.
10.10 A. C. Meredith, W. A. Mackinlay.
10.20 C. W. E. Bishop, D. S. Robb.
10.30 J. S. Lee, M. J. Young.
10.40 D. MacAlister, W. A. Mackinlay.
10.50 G. H. Harrison, J. L. Jackson.
11.00 General Grossett, Major Meek.
11.10 G. H. Harrison, J. L. Jackson.
11.20 D. O. Baldwin, J. Flatterre.
11.30 J. L. C. Pearce, D. I. Bosanquet.
11.40 F. A. Redmond, R. Young.
11.50 A. K. Mackenzie, T. A. Pearce.
12.00 H. N. Williamson, T. J. Price.
12.10 S. G. Lloyd, W. B. Kourie.
12.20 M. L. Reddy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
12.30 H. C. Hight, D. C. Davis.
12.40 R. H. Morris, J. K. Keane.
12.50 J. S. Lee, M. G. Carruthers.
1.00 J. Linaker, J. Harrop.
1.10 M. J. Penfold, A. H. Guinness.
1.20 R. H. Chubb, K. V. Munro.
1.30 Capt. Barclay, Surg. Lt. Cdr. Page.
1.40 NEW COURSE
1.50 Gibb Livingstone & Co. v. D. & S.
2.00 Gibb Livingstone & Co. v. D. & S.
2.10 Gibb Livingstone & Co. v. D. & S.
2.20 Gibb Livingstone & Co. v. D. & S.
2.30 T. McFarry, A. McKellar.
2.40 D. L. Newbigin, J. C. Taylor.

MONDAY

OLD COURSE

9.10 B. K. Mackenzie, G. M. Park.
9.20 H. G. Parker, G. T. Harrington.
9.30 J. G. Alexander, M. A. Annett.
9.40 J. A. D. Morrison, F. I. H. Geare.
9.50 A. Mabb, P. V. McKane.
10.00 F. A. Redmond, R. Young.
10.10 S. C. Feltham, D. Allen.
10.20 G. H. Harrison, H. N. Williamson.
10.30 W. G. Lloyd, D. Humphreys.
10.40 J. D. Harrison, M. A. Annett.
10.50 E. Groves, J. Stenerson.
11.00 S. G. Lloyd, D. Humphreys.
11.10 H. L. Mundy, F. C. Barry.
11.20 D. Evans, W. M. Barton.
11.30 W. S. Alexander, S. T. Butlin.
11.40 C. W. Behrman, C. F. Marshall.
11.50 R. L. S. Webb, A. A. Bremner.
12.00 J. D. Harrison, M. A. Annett.
12.10 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
12.20 F. N. Merritt, E. G. Price.
12.30 H. W. Hestley, J. W. McKee.
12.40 A. V. & Mrs. Greaves.
12.50 Mrs. E. H. Grant.
1.00 P. Morrison, D. I. Newbigin.
1.10 E. L. Groome, J. Mount.
1.20 E. H. Overy, J. W. Stewart.
1.30 Mrs. Bremner, Miss Smalley.

TUESDAY

OLD COURSE

9.10 J. D. Harrison, J. Linaker.
9.20 W. J. E. Mackenzie, G. M. Park.
9.30 J. A. D. Morrison, F. I. H. Geare.
9.40 A. J. Dennis, P. V. McKane.
9.50 F. C. Feltham, D. Allen.
10.00 A. W. Bourne, R. Young.
10.10 S. C. Feltham, D. Allen.
10.20 J. S. Lee, M. G. Carruthers.
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The Bank's Head Office in London undertakes Executor & Trustee business and claims recovery of British Income Tax overpaid on terms which may be ascertained at any of its Agencies and Branches.

R. A. CAMERON, Manager.

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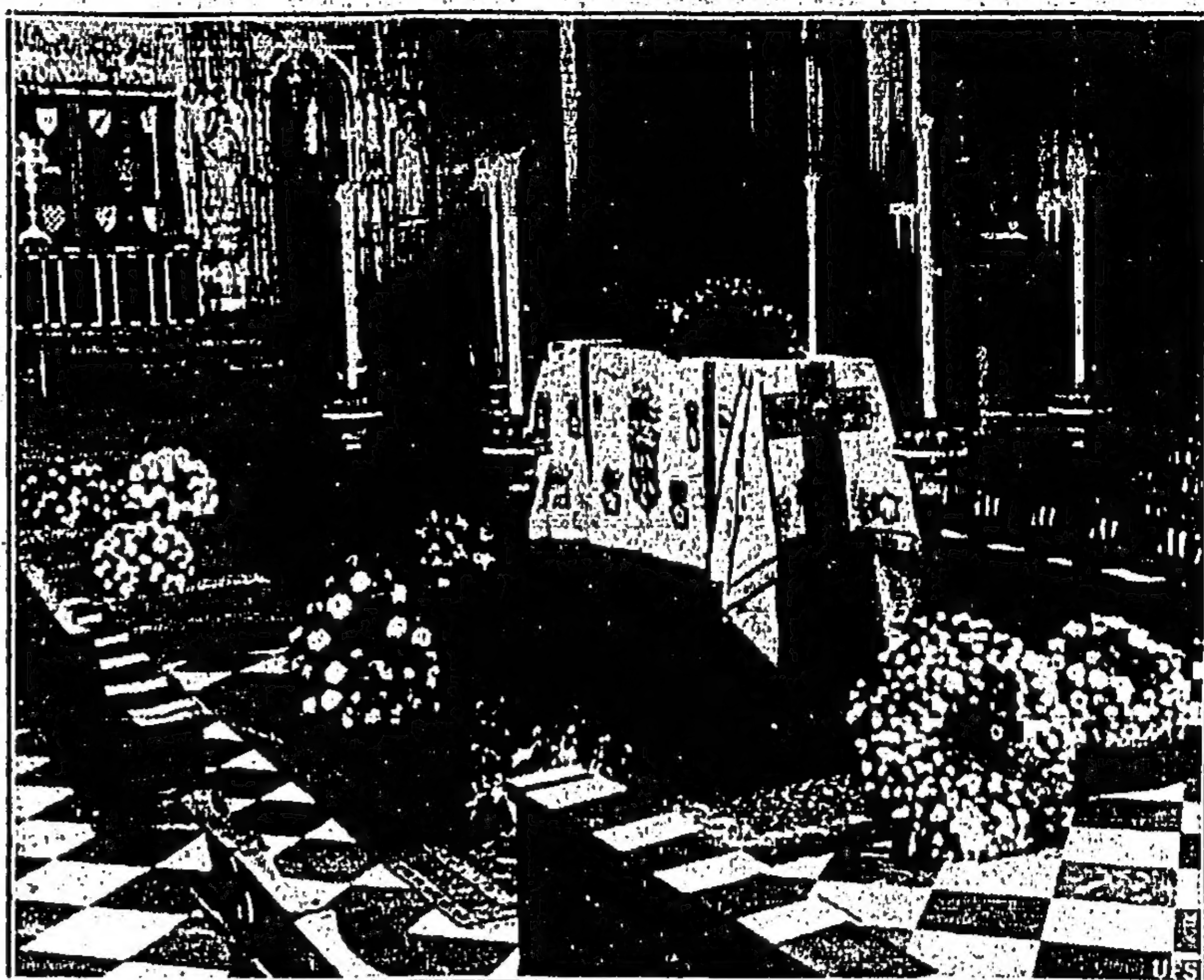
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IN STATE—Body of Arthur Neville Chamberlain, late Prime Minister of England, lies in state on catafalque before the altar in Westminster Abbey, London. "The Apostle of Appeasement" attempted to save the Empire from war. After the memorial service, the body was cremated and the ashes placed with the honoured dead beneath the floor.

Death Of Mrs James Ming

The death occurred at No. 14 Chatham Road, Kowloon, this morning of Mrs James Ming, who has been resident in the Colony for the past six years, during which time she has been closely identified with many charitable organisations and has spent a large sum of money in aid of charity.

Mrs Ming, who was 61 years of age, was born in New Zealand and lived for many years in North Australia before coming to Hongkong with her husband and daughter, Miss Sue Ming.

The funeral will take place tomorrow, the cortege passing the Monument at 3.30 p.m.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks 1410 n.
H.K. Banks 82 n.
H.K. Banks 85 n.
Chartered 83 n.
Mercantile, A & B 23 n.
Mercantile, C 11½ n.
East Asia 70 n.

INSURANCES

Cantons 210 b.
Unions 405 b.
China Underwriters 1 n.
H.K. Fire 105 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas 135 d.
Steamboats 11 n.
Indo-China P. S. 100 n.
Indo-China D. S. 80 n.
Shell (Bearers) 40/-
Waterboats 7 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves 98 s. & 7 n.
Docks (old) 18.40 s.
Docks (new) 18.10 s.
Providents 5.95 s.
Shai Dockyards 34 n.

MINING

Kailan s/- 18 n.
Rauba 9½ n.
H.K. Mines 1¼ cts. n.

LANDS

Hotel 3.55 b.
Lands 34½ n.
Lands 4% Debentures 100 s.
Shai Lands Sh. 13.70 n.
Humphreys 7.95 n.
H.K. Realties 3.85 n.
Chinese Estates 98 n.

UTILITIES

Trams 18.40 s.
Peak Trams (old) 7½ n.
Peak Trams (new) 3½ n.
Star Ferries 64 s.
Y. Ferries 24½ n.
China Lights (old) 6.40 s.
China Lights (new) 1.97½ n.
H.K. Electric (old) 40¼ s.
H.K. Electric (new) 40¼ s.
Macao Electric (old) 17½ n.
Macao Electric (new) 16½ n.
Sundakan Lights 11½ n.
Telephones (old) 25¼ b.
Telephones (new) 10.20 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. 30 s.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. 25 n.
Canton Ices 1 n.
Cements 18.35 s.
H.K. Ropes 8.35 s.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms 19.20 n.
Watsons 11.15 s.
Lane Crawford 7½ s.
Sincera 2.10 n.
Wing On (H.K.) 1.80 n.
Powell Ltd. 1.90 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. 40 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. 205 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt. 4% 97½ n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% (1934) 82½ n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% (1940) 82½ n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.Bds. 42/47 n.
H.K. Entertainments 7 b.
Constructions (old) 1.80 b.
Constructions (new) 1 n.
Vibro Piling 7.70 s.
Marmans Inv. (Lon.) s/- 7/8 n.
Marmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 2/8 n.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London 1/2½
Demand London 1/2½
T.T. Shanghai 420
T.T. Singapore 82½
T.T. India 102½
T.T. Japan 82½
T.T. U.S.A. 23½
T.T. Manila 47
T.T. Batavia 44
T.T. Bangkok 140½
T.T. Saigon 102
T.T. France Nom.
T.T. Switzerland 100
T.T. Australia 1/6½

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London 1/3½
4 m/s D/P London 1/3½
4 m/s L/C U.S.A. 24½
4 m/s France Nom.
30 d/s India 84½
U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02½
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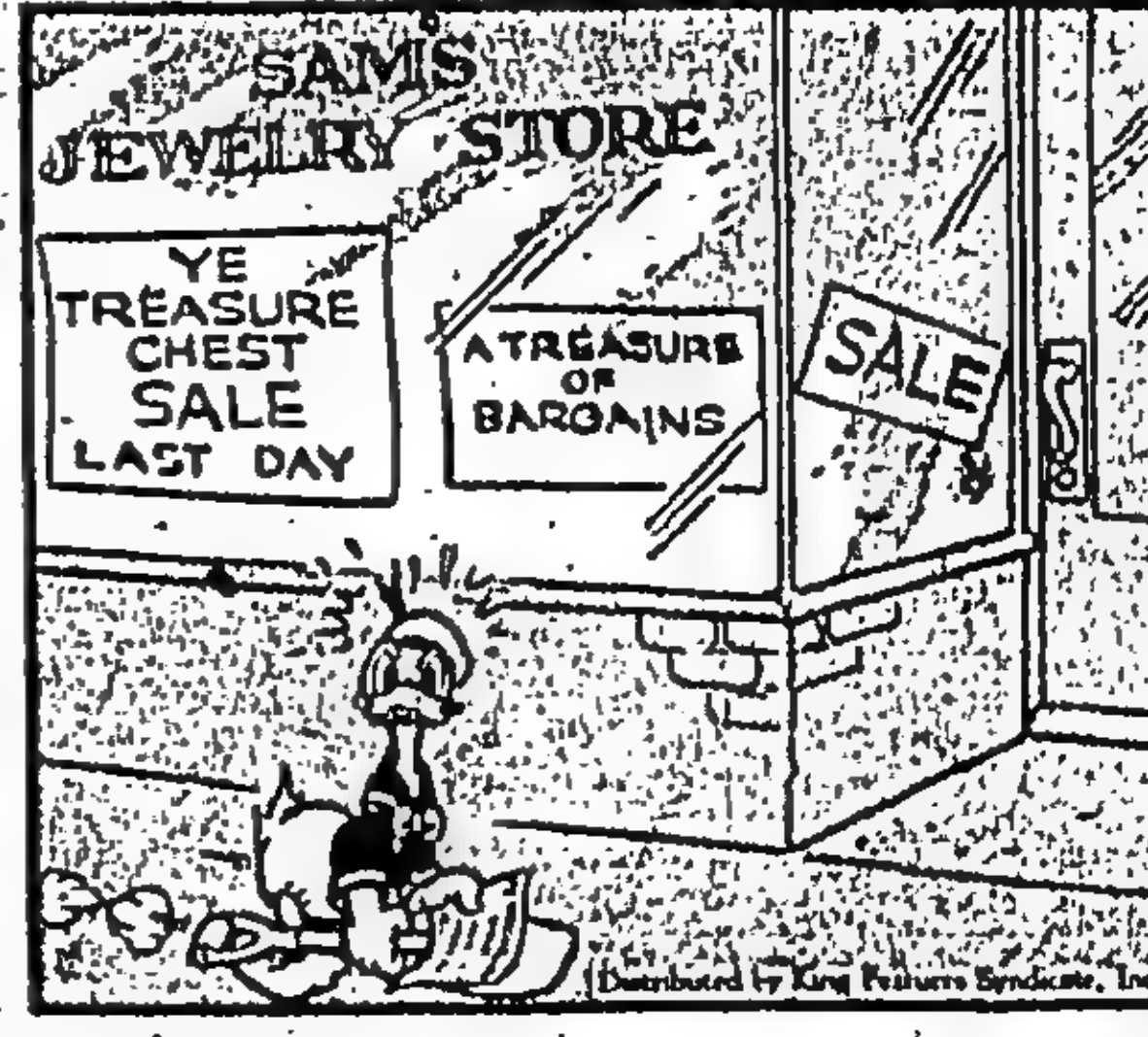
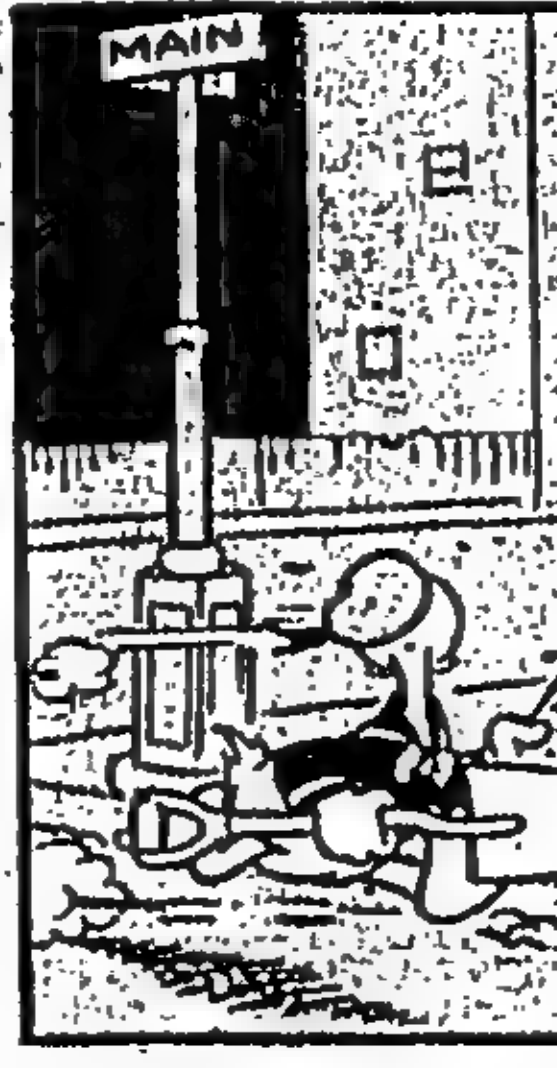
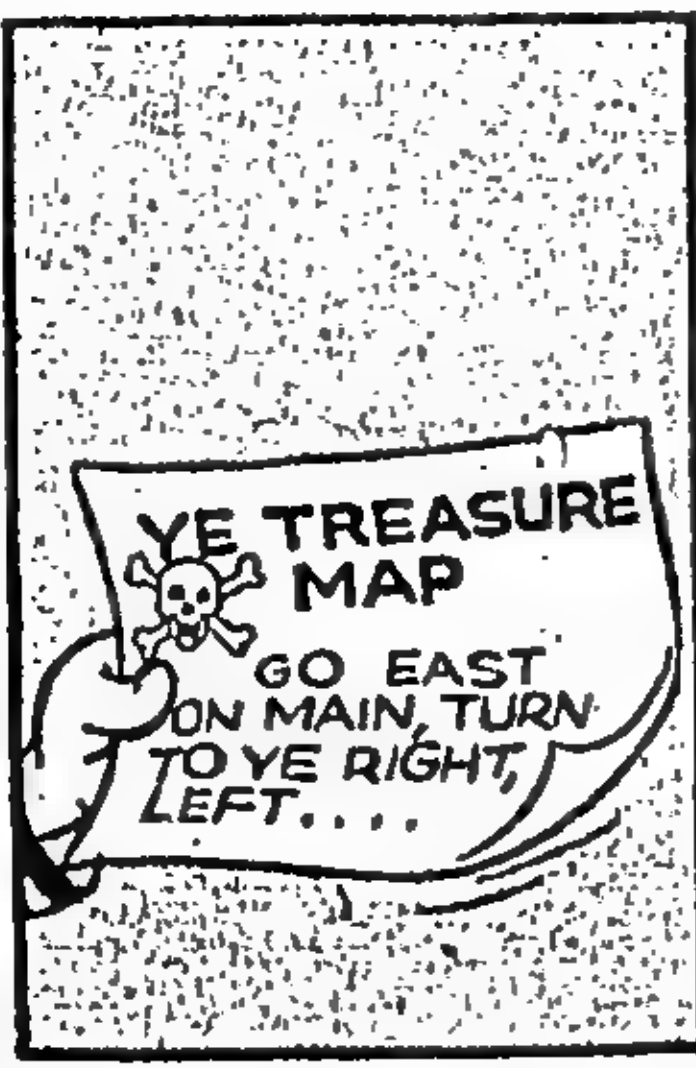
A total of \$1,550,081.55 was received yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:—
"For Use of Piano" \$ 10
"Ginger" E. R. (Canadian 35 cents) 103
"Gummy Cricketers" (and others) 100.67
At the K.C.C. (third donation) 5
Mr. E. V. Hopkinson 5
Over the Hainbow Peninsula Hotel Bar 2
A. D. C. and W. T. S. 24.67
E. W. L. and W. S. (in memory of the late Mr. D. G. Will) 10
Mr. Leong Leen (in memory of the late Mr. D. G. Will) 3
V. R. 3
Mrs J. C. Binnendyk (monthly donation) 25
Miss Taylor's Shrapnel Box 11.73
"Proceeds of sale of model Spitfire" 100

AIR RAID VICTIMS' FUND

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donations to the Lord Mayor's Fund for the Relief of Air Raid Victims:—
Officers, Royal Army Medical Corps, Army Dental Corps and Indian Medical Service, China Command, in lieu of official Cocktail Party \$200.
DONATIONS WAITING
Donations for the following Organisations await collection at the office of the S. C. M. Post: Shantung Lepers' Christmas Fund; Hongkong Benevolent Society; Street Sweepers Shelter Society; Emergency Refugees Council; B.W.G.F. Food Kitchen Appeal Fund; Salvation Army Food Kitchens; Society of St Vincent de Paul.

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SAVED BLAZING PLANE, GETS V.C.

"THE plane was on fire and by the time my whiskers were singed it looked as if it would blow up. We made for our parachutes, but when I got mine I found it was on fire too."

This is part of a letter home in which Sergeant John Hannah, an R.A.F. wireless operator, tells how he won the V.C.

Hannah, who is only 18, is the youngest recipient of the V.C. since the war began.

Single-handed, he extinguished a fire when the plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire over Antwerp on September 18, after the rear-gunner and navigator had baled out.

The pilot, who brought the machine safely home, has already been awarded the D.F.C.

"I am really lucky to be alive," says Sergeant Hannah's letter.

"The plane was a blazing mass, and a terrific target for the Ack. Ack."

Quick Thinking

"I did some quick thinking and started throwing out the flaming man."

"During this time ammunition on the 'kite' was going off 10 a penny and the heat was terrific."

"Finally I got the fire out and we limped home and landed at our base."

"I heard that A.A. chiefs and R.A.F. officers have been having the 'kite' photographed from all angles, and I have had so many visits from the big shots that I am beginning to feel quite a big shot myself."

"I have been congratulated on conduct. It seems to have been the first time a fire has been put out in the air."



SERGEANT J. HANNAH

The official account of Sergeant Hannah's work says he forced his way through the flames to get two extinguishers, with which he fought the fire for 10 minutes.

When these were empty he continued to beat out the flames with his log book.

Meanwhile thousands of rounds of ammunition were exploding inside the aircraft.

Heat from the fire was so intense that all the aluminium sheet metal on the floor of the cockpit was melted away, leaving only the cross members.

Birth of The SPITFIRE

Britain's "Spitfire" fighter was really born 15 years ago! It began its amazing career in 1925 as Supermarine S4 monoplane, designed and built to take part in the Schneider Trophy race off Balmory, U.S.A., and piloted by H. C. Baird. The plane, after setting up a record of 226 m.p.h., crashed in a test flight before the contest.

Two years later the Air Ministry took up the Schneider Trophy challenge through the Royal Air Force. In the contest off Venice Flight-Lieutenant Webster won the Trophy for Britain in Supermarine S5 with a speed of 281.65 m.p.h.

Flying Officer Waghorn, R.A.F., won the Trophy again in 1929 in an improved Supermarine S6 at a speed of 328.63 m.p.h. During the same year I watched Squadron Leader Orlebar, now Director-General of Training at the Air Ministry, create a world record of 357.7 m.p.h. with the same machine.

Came 1931—the last of the Schneider contests when Britain won the Trophy outright, with three successive wins.

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The day of the great race arrived, September 12. But what a day! Visibility was reduced to about a mile with blinding rain and mist, and the wind howled half a gale. A more unfriendly day for high speed racing could not be imagined. The rules provided for unfavourable weather, and the international racing officials abandoned the race till next day.

Sunday, September 13—unlucky number to the superstitious, but the luckiest day in British aviation dawned a magnificent day, sun-flooded and with a visibility of over 15 miles. Huge crowds of spectators lined the shores of Southampton and the northern coast of the Isle of Wight.

In the testing area off Calshot Castle in Southampton Water a small silver seaplane waited near the starting line, rising and falling unsteadily on the short, choppy waves. One o'clock came. A gun boomed! A dull roar followed immediately, and a great splash of spray told that Flight Lieutenant Boothman, R.A.F., England's first choice of pilot, had taken the air in Supermarine S-6B.

His mighty engine, sensitive to the touch of his fingers, roared as the seaplane took off, circling at about 150ft, then landing gracefully, skimming the shimmering blue water like a great gull. It was a magic moment. The crowds within sight gasped as they watched the seaplane again rise suddenly when Lieutenant Boothman opened his engine full throttle and flashed the starting-line into

the speed course of seven rounds totalling 217 miles.

What appeared to be a silver bird dancing in the sunlight was the seaplane banking round the first pylon off Bembridge. Across the open sea it dashed to West Witter-

by

Arthur Lamsley

ing, off Chichester Harbour, rose higher, swooped down round the next pylon and on along the 14 miles' leg of the course fringing Southsea and Portsmouth towards the pylon in the Solent.

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Lieutenant Boothman flew superbly. His machine was steady as it hurtled through the air at 343 miles an hour! He shattered the world's lap record in this first round.

Round after round he flashed by the spectators, flying so low that his figure could be seen crouching in the cockpit. The crowd could never have realised a fraction of the colossal strain on the pilot in this dash through the air, faster than any man had ever flown in a distance flight.

In exactly 38 minutes 22 seconds, at an average speed of 340 m.p.h. Flight Lieutenant Boothman won the Schneider Trophy for Great Britain, and—presaged—the "Spitfire" fighter. A few days later Flight Lieutenant George Stainforth in the same winning monoplane created the world's record of 407.5 m.p.h., in a series of dive tests from a height of 15,000ft, into a measured mile in Spithead.

The "Spitfire" had arrived! All the experience gained in these Schneider Trophy contests was embodied in the production of the single-seater fighter which was to become the wartime terror of the air. It was powered with Rolls-Royce engines designed by the late Sir Henry Royce, who at

the age of 11 sold newspapers on the streets of his home town.

The "Spitfire" was evolved by the late Mr R. G. Mitchell, chief engineer and designer of the Supermarine Aviation Works, Southampton.

Only 30 years old when he designed the first Supermarine S4, he laboured unceasingly, with undaunted courage against failing health, for a dozen years during which he successfully redesigned his first creation and made it possible for a British machine to attain a world record with a speed of 407 m.p.h.

It was a great blow to British aviation when he died suddenly at the early age of 42, a few months before the delivery of the first fighter Squadron of Spitfires to the Air Ministry in July, 1938.

Designer Mitchell, although born at Stoke, made his home in Hampshire, and the "Spitfire" is a Hampshire machine, created, perfected and produced in the works on the northern shores of Southampton Water.

Over 1,000 years ago King Alfred founded and built the first British Navy on this same bit of Hampshire coast. Alfred's ships cleaned up the invading Danes in a West Solent battle in 897 A.D. and established the beginning of British sea power. "Spitfire" fighters, arriving 1,043 years after, are to-day shooting down invading German bombers in the skies over these same historic English waters.

Recently over Spithead and the Solent it might almost have been a repetition of the Schneider Trophy races when squadrons of "Spitfires" were hurtling through the air after German bombers, sinking one every minute with the fire from eight machine guns.

History repeats itself to those who invade Britain's shores.

Some New War Means Are Old To Magicians

MAGICIANS have more startling tricks than ever this season, but without a single exception they are based on known physical foundations that can be mastered by anyone with a proper training in legerdemain, according to Mrs. Harry Houdini, who has just returned to her home in Los Angeles from a round of conventions of the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians.

"It is a mistake to teach children superstitions about supernatural phenomena," says the widow of the man who was world famous for his illusions, and who spent much of his lifetime exposing and debunking the so-called "supernatural."

"Master magicians with few exceptions are franker to-day than they've ever been in admitting that even their most mystifying performances have natural explanations, and that all forms of alleged

psychic phenomena are without foundation," Mrs. Houdini says.

Magicians spent considerable time at the conventions discussing the extent to which nations at war are now using some of the most spectacular tricks of the trade.

Mrs. Houdini says it was her husband who taught the inventor of the rip-cord parachute how to fold huge pieces of silk into a small package, a trick first demonstrated on the stage of the Hippodrome Theatre in New York.

Prior to the World War, Houdini himself gave to the Navy Department a diving suit which he perfected for one of his acts.

For a number of years, magicians have startled their audiences with "devil fire," harmless looking bits of paper that suddenly burst into flames, a device reported to have been scattered in large quantities by war planes in Europe recently.

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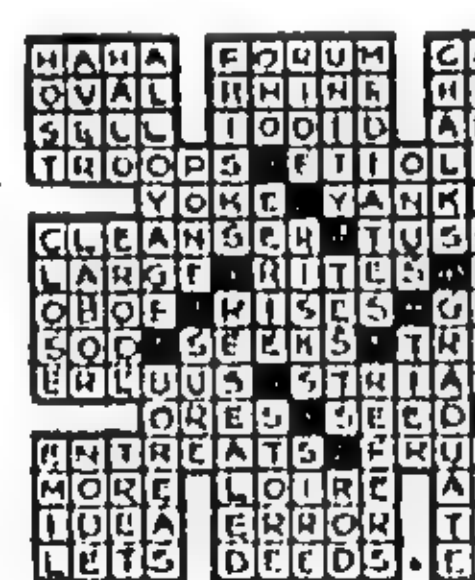
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Faint with blood
- 2—Former Central American native
- 3—New vehicle
- 4—Melody
- 5—Girl's name
- 6—Whisper opponent
- 7—Sodium chloride
- 8—Go in
- 9—Inland
- 10—Suits in garment
- 11—Lobby place
- 12—Toothed wheel
- 13—Arrest
- 14—At present
- 15—Look over
- 16—Permit to live
- 17—Room
- 18—In island, gods of Norse pantheon
- 19—Yat
- 20—Lowest naval commissioned officer
- 21—Piled with bones of plants
- 22—High table-land
- 23—Entrance
- 24—More firmly supported
- 25—Field under lease
- 26—Suspend
- 27—Food in general
- 28—Blind mammal

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



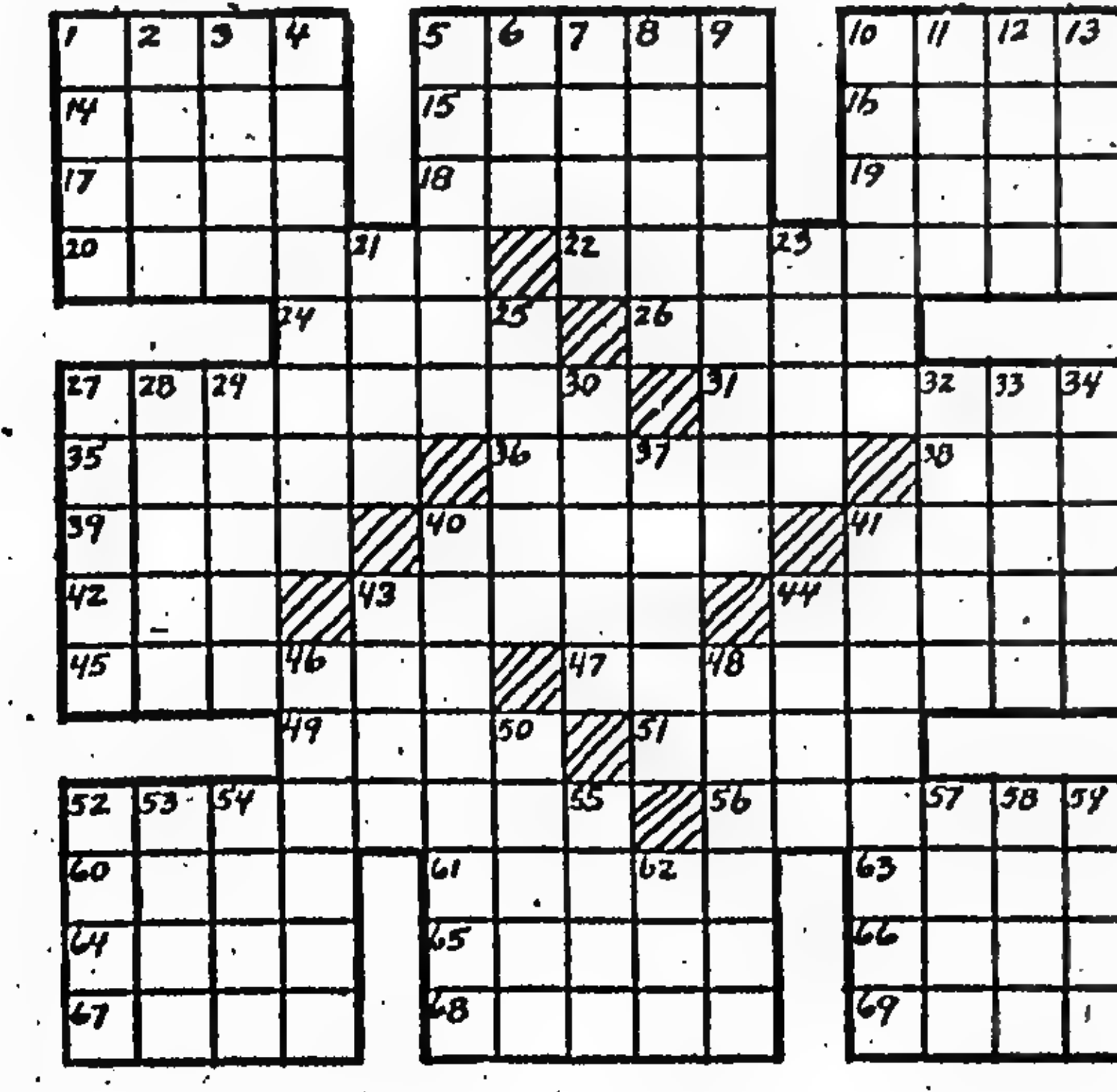
- 29—Genus of Old World plants
- 30—Bound in vase-like to lord
- 31—Round toy
- 32—Military medal
- 33—Catcher of eels
- 34—Kind of eel

DOWN

- 1—Utter brokenly
- 2—Verbal
- 3—Make angry
- 4—Turkish sword

ACROSS

- 1—Ancient Roman emperor
- 2—Girl's name
- 3—Religious ceremony
- 4—Listed articles
- 5—Male voice
- 6—Imbue thoroughly
- 7—Without friends
- 8—Ancient deities
- 9—Naval navigator
- 10—Unit of force
- 11—Arc suit to over-naming
- 12—Girl's name
- 13—Harvest
- 14—Difficult shot in billiards
- 15—One of very ancient religions
- 16—Absolute rulers
- 17—Draw water from
- 18—That which is within
- 19—Loop of rope
- 20—Possessed
- 21—Kind mistake
- 22—Exhibiting sound judgment
- 23—Negro tribe of Congo
- 24—Old
- 25—County in Nebraska
- 26—Visible representations
- 27—Not so warm
- 28—Eagle's first
- 29—Friend (specially)
- 30—Story
- 31—Directian seaports
- 32—Jipsool
- 33—Cleansing agent
- 34—Girl's name
- 35—Small secluded valley
- 36—Years of life



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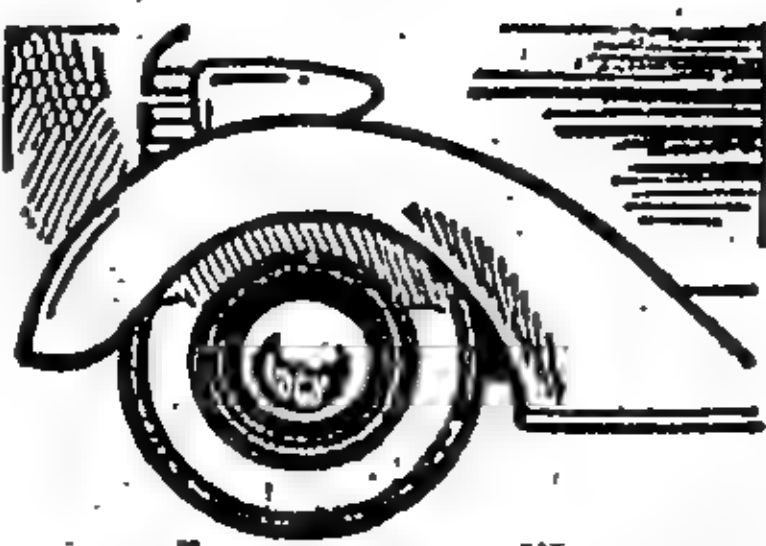
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DEATHS.

BROOK—At the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday, Joshua Brook, at the age of 56 years, the Cortège will leave Anderson's Funeral Parlour at 5 p.m. to-day passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

MAY—At the Matilda Hospital, Hongkong, at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd January, Annie May, widow of the late George Thomas May, in her 68th year. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

BIRTH

WHITE—At the War Memorial Nursing Home, on the 24th inst., to Margaret, wife of G. A. White, a son, Timothy Peter.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

Friday, January 24, 1941.
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BRITAIN'S TRADE

Although Sir Arthur Salter, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping, recently stated that it had been found necessary to sacrifice Britain's foreign trade to some extent, there is evidence to show that no effort is being spared to keep up the flow of exports abroad, especially to the United States whose dollars are needed to help pay for the equipment that keeps the British war effort moving. The convoys that carry aeroplanes, steel, guns and shells to British ports do not return to the American Continent in ballast. On the contrary, they still continue to make their westward passage well laden with merchandise for the United States market and similar efforts are being made to keep the trade with South America flowing smoothly.

Reports from New York and other American cities show that though Britain's trade may not be "as usual" it is nevertheless continuing. Christmas shoppers found that British textiles, toys, sweaters, gloves, shoes, etc. were plentiful amid an almost total lack of goods from other European countries. Furthermore, a circular, dealing with the woollen trade, stated that British tweeds for men and women are available and will continue to be so. The British woollen industry is now under Government control but evidently the raw material is being fairly distributed, otherwise the circular

A New Alexander

by
Charles Foley

A NEW Alexander has astonished the world and brought new laurels to Greece.

Italy's humiliation in the Greek mountains is due above all to Lieut.-General Alexander Papagos, who was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Greek forces on the outbreak of war.

In spite of his family name there is nothing of the patriarch about this sinewy, handsome soldier.

He received his advanced training in the Ecole de Guerre, the French Staff College, which overlooks the "Field of Mars" in Paris. Here Foch lectured when the century was young.

A cavalry captain in the Balkan wars, Papagos was promoted in 1914 to command a brigade. His age was twenty-eight.

The Greek warrior king Constantine made him his right-hand man. They rode victoriously against the Turks in 1921, deep into Anatolia. Papagos called for a halt; the king cried "Forward!" Greece suffered a devastating defeat.

When Constantine was exiled Papagos kept his royalist faith burning high. In 1935 he went to London to ask, in the name of the Greek Army, that Constantine's son, George II, of the Hellenes, should return to the throne of his fathers.

Like King George, Papagos has always been an admirer of British institutions, and he has his own ideas about the Italians.

In 1936 he vowed that Greece would do her duty against Italy if the Abyssinian campaign led to general war.

You must not see in him a reckless, challenging adventurer. He learned in Paris to regard war as a science; he applied this knowledge to the defensive needs of Greece, reorganising the army, pushing on the defensive works they call the Metaxas Line.

When Italy began her treacherous attack Papagos was ready. "We will write new and glorious pages in our history," he cried. "We will fight on to the last breath."

The glorious pages have been written—to the confusion of Rome's would-be Caesar and to the admiration of the world, which knew that Greece was small and poor in war material, but did not realise she was so rich and great in spirit.

would not have appeared in New York assuring buyers of quick delivery of all orders.

The necessity of maintaining overseas trade is very thoroughly recognised by the manufacturers in Britain and though Hongkong or other parts of the Empire may seem short in certain accustomed commodities, especially in non-essential goods, the United States and other countries able to carry on more or less normal trading facilities, will not be allowed to suffer any lack. The same determination that sends Londoners to their daily occupation no matter what havoc the air raid of the night before has wrought is dominating the unceasing effort to keep up the flow of goods to the vital markets of the world.



THERE'S ONLY ONE TOPIC...

REPRISALS?

NO!

PHILIP NOEL-BAKER, M.P.

answers the question of the moment with an emphatic—

"Mr. Churchill came himself to our street. And when he saw what they'd done to our homes, big tears rolled down his cheeks, and he said: 'They'll get the same; they'll get the same.' But next day we read that our boys hadn't been over Berlin, and they hadn't dropped no bombs. You don't know what to think, you don't really."

SHE was a mother from the East End, taking her little girl to safety by a Scotch express. She wanted the mothers and children of Berlin to be bombed, as she was bombed. Because they had not been bombed, she proceeded to express what in Japan are known as "dangerous thoughts"—thoughts so dangerous that in the other corner of a protest in which sturdy encouragement was mingled with plain-reproof.

"I Can't Forget . . ."

No-one who saw that little girl could fail to understand the mother's feelings. No-one who has followed Hitler's criminal campaigns, both against his opponents in Germany and his neighbours, can fail to see that sadistic Terrorism against the defenceless and the weak is his favourite weapon. He has proved it often to be a weapon of deadly power. Can we, ask those in favour of reprisals, now admit that he alone shall us it?

Must we be restrained by moral scruples, by the old rules of international law, from adopting methods which he has used on us; methods by which, as many people think, we could quickly win the war?

Put like that, the question plainly provokes the answer: "No." But . . . I shall never forget a sunny day in April, 1915.

I was driving up the road from Poppleton to Ypres, when suddenly, around a bend, French Colonial troops came running in twos and threes. They had thrown away their arms, and they were flying, in uncontrollable panic, from the line.

They had been passed; they were the first victims of the Kaiser's violation of the "Laws of War."

"We Can, But . . ."

We all remember the fearful shock given to world opinion by his use of this illegal arm. Yet within two years the Allies were beating the German Army in the use of poison gas.

In reprisals, we could use that weapon then, can we not now use the weapon of random, indiscriminate bombing by which Hitler hopes to beat us down?

Of course, we can. And, if we did, no-one could say that we had been guilty of a legal wrong.

Hitler has smashed every last remnant of the Laws of War; our hands are free to take whatever measures are required to bring his monstrous aggression to an end.

But if we did resort to random bombing, I believe we should commit the gravest blunder of all this blundering war.

I believe we should do more to prolong the war, perhaps to imperil victory, than if we lost another great campaign.

The People's Part

We all know that, if we win, it will be when the war has become, like the Napoleonic struggle, a war of European Revolution against conquest and tyranny.

In that revolution the German people must play their part.

At present, the whips and the machine-guns of the S.S. men keep them helpless. But we know that even in 1933, after he had been six weeks in office, Hitler could not win a majority at the polls.

We know that there are millions, tens of millions, of Germans who hate the cruelties of Hitler's prisons and the crimes of Hitler's wars.

The day will come when our Fifth Column in Germany may comprise not only all the German workers, but the majority of the German nation as a whole.

Nothing could so certainly retard that day as the random bombing of the women and children of Berlin.

The German Army has won great victories. They were won, in part, by the vast numerical superiority of their bombers and their tanks.

They were won still more by undreamt-of treachery, and by an incredible disregard of human life, whether of friend or foe.

But there is widespread witness that when they are vigorously opposed, the morale of the German soldiers is not so good as the morale of the Kaiser's Army a quarter of a century ago.

Many of them are anti-Nazi; among many of the rest there is no conviction that their cause is just, that they are fighting for the safety of their country, their families and their homes.

Nothing could so stiffen their morale as the random bombing of German towns.

Both at home and in the Army, it would be the highest trump that

Goebbels has been able to play for many a day.

And random bombing is a form of war in which we should give Hitler every possible advantage.

Working from France, with their short "turn-round," and with their advantage in numbers, his aircraft can drop a far heavier weight of bombs in Britain than we can send to Germany in reply.

At night, his pilots cannot find their ordinary targets; our pilots can and do. By random bombing we should sacrifice that immense technical advantage.

We know that, up to date, we have done incomparably greater military damage in Germany than he has done to us.

We know that in London he has wasted—yes, wasted—a vast proportion of his bombs.

Why should we imitate his example and do the same?

That argument is greatly strengthened by the fact that Hitler may soon be running short of oil.

Every expert is agreed that he has already begun to feel the pinch. It is his greatest weakness, and it is a mortal weakness.

The Best Targets

Without oil, not a single German aircraft can fly, not a submarine can put to sea, not a tank or a gun can take the field.

Transport difficulties make it impossible for Hitler to bring more than a small proportion of his requirements from Rumania. The other countries he has occupied produce no oil; we have stopped their normal overseas supplies; they are an actual drain on his oil resources.

Already, Hugh Dalton tells us, we have bombed 80 per cent. of his oil refineries and 80 per cent. of his plants for making oil from coal.

If we multiply the bombs, these refineries and plants can be utterly destroyed.

Already we have set fire to many of his oil reserves; and we know that oil tanks, once well alight, may burn for weeks. They are the easiest of all targets to find and hit.

With such targets at our mercy it would be utter madness to bomb women and children instead.

Goering must be on his knees every night and morning praying to Thor and Odin to strike us with this madness.

An Abomination

Finally, whatever we ourselves may suffer, the bombing of women and children remains an abomination, which, if we were guilty of it, all future generations of our people would deplore.

Our pilots have done deeds that have been the wonder of the world. They have been inspired, at least in part, by the cold anger which they felt at the atrocities committed by the Nazi aircraft in Holland, in Belgium and in France. If we told them now to commit these same atrocities in Germany, I believe they would think it not only a waste, but a veritable prostitution, of their courage, their training and their skill. I should not like to be the man who gave the order. And I hope, and I believe, that no such order will be given, either now or in the months to come.

THE DANCING CENTENARIAN

Suffolk's oldest evener, Mr. William Minter, of Ipswich, stood round a cake with 100 candles at Leicester in celebration of his 100th birthday.

The dancing centenarian writes verse and entertains his friends with selections from music-hall favourites. He has four great-grandsons in the Forces.

AUSSIES TAKE OVER

Hoist Anzac Hat At Tobruk

"REUTERS" AT TOBRUK

Jan. 23.—Having broken down the Italian resistance in 26 hours cheering Australians hauled down the Italian flag in the town centre to-day and hoisted instead an Anzac hat.

The total number of prisoners is estimated at 20,000 which number includes the Metropolitan 61st Division, the peace-time garrison of the fort, 1,500 members of the naval garrison, and 700 of the crew of the sunken cruiser San Giorgio.

The Military Police and Customs officials reveal that a hundred civilian technicians and fishermen are also among the prisoners.

The garrison surrendered at 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Australian cavalry units in Bren-gun carriers stormed the main road to the town and broke through the concrete and sand-bagged barrier and then drove in. They were met by a couple of bursts of machine-gun fire to which they promptly replied.

Then the entire garrison surrendered. I followed into the town with khaki-clad Australian infantry—men caked with the dust from the Libyan desert and burnt with the sun—and with uniforms torn after days of strenuous fighting.

Unnerved Garrison
As I entered the gateway with the victorious Imperial troops, thousands of exhausted and unnerved Italians were streaming out. All resistance had virtually ended by sunset the day before.

The Solara Alerente forts had been silenced after stiff fighting, and the stronghold of Pilastrino, which had been putting up terrific artillery fire, had been captured.

During the attack on Pilastrino, the Australians came unsuspectingly on 14 Italian tanks in a dried-up river bed. Reinforced by an anti-tank battery, the infantry, although suffering some casualties, knocked out the tanks quickly.

Infantryman Takes Tank
One Australian captured a tank and its crew of four with his rifle and bayonet.

When Pilastrino was occupied by the British, it was shelled from Solara Alerente forts until they were also taken.

In the open desert between Solara Alerente, the Brigadier commanding the Australians captured Major-General Dennis Murru of the 61st, Metropolitan Division.

Meanwhile the eastern and western sectors of the perimeter defences had been cut off. After that they only resisted spasmodically and quickly surrendered.

Water Shortage Risks
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—In a broadcast war commentary, Major General R. J. Colling said that General Wavell's original attack might have had to be one of the tip-and-run type—a mere raid, though on a large scale.

"Without water, no one could have carried on. In fact, without the help of the Navy, who somehow managed to land stores and thousands of gallons of water at Sollum, I do not think it could have been done."

"Except for what they were lucky enough to capture during the advance, there was no water at all between Mersa Matruh and Bardia, nearly 100 miles away. Water has been and may be again, the crux of the whole show."

Press Acclaims Wavell
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—That the end of the Fascist Regime is brought yet nearer by the fall of Tobruk is the theme of London newspaper editorials on the latest success in Libya, which is hailed as another example of General Wavell's military brilliance.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes "the whole province of Cyrenaica is im-

Nomura's Plans For Pacifying Tokyo-Washington Relations

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The departure of Ambassador Nomura for America is coincident with revelations by "United Press" of a three-point programme by which efforts will be made to improve Japanese-American relations after his arrival in Washington.

Well-informed Japanese sources told "United Press" firstly, Japanese diplomacy centres on the tripartite pact; secondly, Japanese diplomacy would insist on United States recognition of Japan as the stabilising factor in the Far East; and thirdly, Japan is willing to make vigorous efforts consistent with the two foregoing principles to improve relations with the United States.

U. S.-Soviet Relations

MOSCOW, Jan. 23 (Reuters).

The lifting of the United States' "moral embargo" on the export of aeroplanes to Russia has been announced on the Soviet radio but not yet in the press as no newspapers published here to-day.

Official circles are reticent on the subject, but opinion here is that the lifting of this ban, coupled with the establishment of an American Consulate-General at Vladivostok, suggests an improvement in Soviet-American relations.

Refrigerator And Cooker

Among Prizes For The Bomber Fund Raffle

Over two hundred valuable prizes have now been donated for the Bomber Raffle which is being organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee in aid of the War Fund, the total value being approximately \$25,000. The following are the latest gifts:

One Moffatt Electric Refrigerator, 9.9 cubic feet, value \$900; One Moffatt Electric Cooker, 7.5 kilowatts, value \$410, both British Empire products, donated by Messrs Shewan, Tomes & Co., Ltd.

One Magazine Cine-Kodak, £1.9.5 Lens, value \$540, donated by the Eastman Kodak Company.

One bench canoe; one silver rose bowl and one silver card case, donated by Major and Mrs Wilcox.

Two credit notes value \$100 each; one credit note value \$50, on the Sincere Co. Ltd., donated by China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.

The tickets, which are being specially designed and printed free of charge, will not be available for some time, but enquiries should be addressed to "Bomber Raffle, Hongkong War Effort Committee, Office, Star Ferry Wharf, Hongkong. Telephone 27323.

perilled our sea and air power much enhanced by our grip on Tobruk. As for the rest of the Fascist empire in Africa, important movements are proceeding swiftly on and beyond the frontiers of Eritrea and Abyssinia.

Describing Graziani as "this most unpunished of soldiers," the paper says "the failure of his strategy was doubtless not all his own but was partly imposed on him by the inefficiency of the Fascist system and the futility of Mussolini. He has been hopelessly out-matched by the British Commander. The history of war records names of few generals of equal success in that most difficult of military arts—extracting the greatest possible advantage out of victory."

Saying that the presence of the Australians at Tobruk will be material for some "member of the Fascist thugery to turn round and blame the Italian people for lack of resolution," the "Daily Express" asks "how much longer will Italians swallow the shame of their rulers' incompetence or hope for Hitler to save them?"

Departure From Tokyo

To see Admiral Nomura off at Tokyo station, Mr Joseph Grew, American Ambassador, and other Embassy officials attired in morning coats and silk hats were on hand. Mr Grew accompanied Admiral Nomura to the ship, the Kamakura Maru, which is scheduled to sail from Yokohama.

Foreign Minister Y. Matsuoka, Army Chiefs including General Sugiyama and Admirals Zengo Yoshida, Osami and Nagano were among the several hundreds of high Government officials and civilian leaders who said goodbye to Admiral Nomura at the Tokyo Station platform, which was guarded by a special squad of gendarmes.

Admiral Nomura is accompanied by his adviser, Kaname Wakasugi, who was a former Consul General at New York, his personal physician, Doctor Kitaro Sakai, and his secretary Katsuzo Okumura.

Japanese Industrialists Win Economic Issue

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The "Asahi" said that besides the abandonment of the election revision law plan, the Cabinet decided to shelve the bill for the establishment of "A new economic structure" under which the Government would take over the management of industries, a bill which had been strongly opposed by industrialists.

However, the Cabinet was planning to achieve virtually the same purpose by revising the national mobilisation law under which the business licensing system would be instituted.

Upper House Support

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—Upper House members have decided to submit to the Plenary Session on Saturday a resolution similar to the lower House's, supporting the Cabinet in strengthening defences in order to cope with the present grave situation both at home and abroad. It reflects virtually an unconditional support of the Government programme.

Indo-China Increases Import Duties

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Department of Commerce to-day received a cablegram from Saigon revealing that a new schedule of import duties, applicable to all countries, became effective in French Indo-China on January 1.

The duties are wholly ad valorem, ranging from five per cent to 150 per cent, on the minimum tariff, with a general rate of three times the minimum. The list of products heretofore exempted from import duty remains substantially unchanged. Minimum rates will continue to be applied to most imports from the United States.

Sicilian Aerodromes Attacked By R.A.F.

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—Aerodromes in Sicily were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers during the night of January 22-23.

A Middle East communiqué from R.A.F. Headquarters says that at Comiso a quantity of incendiary and explosive bombs were dropped, causing explosions which continued for 20 minutes.

N.E.I. Snubs Matsuoka

Claims Want No Part In New Order

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Netherlands East Indies press objected to Mr Matsuoka's reference to the Indies as "the same as Thailand and Indo-China."

As H. Van Mook "Strong man of the N.E.I." heading the Dutch delegates soon to spar with the Japanese trade mission said in a statement, "There is no change in the stand of the Volkraad which is claiming that the Netherlands East Indies are no part of the Asiatic bloc. It is of vital importance for the Netherlands East Indies to maintain complete sovereignty." Van Mook refused to discuss the present political aspect saying that his Department was solely economic. He said that 90 per cent of Netherlands East Indies export trade and income was with non-East Asiatic countries.

The press comments that "Mr Matsuoka's South Sea lyrics" are "situation in such a drastic manner as is possibly indicated." The "Java Bode" in an editorial said that the inclusion of the Netherlands East Indies in the category of "The New Order of Asia" would give Japan the right to interfere in her foreign and interior policies.

Relation With Japan

BATAVIA, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—The firm stand of the Netherlands East Indies against any interference with their sovereignty was re-affirmed to-day by Van Mook, Director of Economic Affairs.

Commenting in an interview with "Reuters" on Mr Yosuke Matsuoka's speech in the Japanese Diet, Jonkheer Van Mook said that he failed to understand what Mr Matsuoka meant by a "situation which has hitherto thwarted the relations of good neighbourliness" with the Japanese.

"Our relation with Japan has been promoted in the same manner and zeal as those with other countries," Jonkheer Van Mook declared.

Discussing Mr Matsuoka's statement that "it only for geographical reasons" the Netherlands East Indies should be in intimate and inseparable relationship with Japan, he said that the economic structure of the N.E.I. made it necessary to promote trade relations with both Allied and neutral countries alike on the largest possible scale, adding that despite the war 90 per cent of the East Indies' export income was derived from other than East Asiatic countries. That proved, he said, that mere geographical situation was not the deciding economic factor.

Norwegian Shipping Association Closed

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—Gestapo men have been ordered to seize the funds of the Norwegian Shipping Association and to seal the office.

On the orders of the Nazi Commissioner, Herr Terboven, the Association has been disbanded, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

The Association's President, Bjorn Hansen and the Managing Director, Klarness, have been arrested for the second time since the German invasion of Norway.

PROPOSES WAR GIFT

As Substitute To Aid British Bill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Senators Ed Johnson and Robert Taft to-day introduced a substitute for the Aid Britain and the Johnson Bills, authorising an outright gift of \$2,000,000,000 worth of war materials, provided Britain gives the United States complete information on performance, and agrees to make all her purchases in the United States.

Senator Taft said that the Bill would authorise the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to lend Britain \$1,000,000,000; Canada \$500,000,000 and Greece \$50,000,000.

Two Die In Plane Crash

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ST LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 23 (UP).—Two were killed and 12 injured early to-day when a Transcontinental and Western Airways air liner crashed one mile southwest of Lambert Field, tearing down telephone wires.

The plane apparently dived as it approached the field for an instrument landing. The dead are Pilot Captain P. T. Scott and Mr J. Foot, a TWA employee.

Favours Aid To Britain

Gallup Poll Result

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—A sharp increase in American sentiment favouring aid for Britain is shown in the latest Gallup poll which follows President Roosevelt's recent "fireside chat" and message to Congress.

The question asked was: "Which of these two things do you think more important for the United States to try to do—keep out of the war ourselves, or help Britain win even at the risk of getting into the war?"

The replies showed that 68 per cent, favoured helping even at the risk of entering the war while 32 per cent, favoured staying out.

Taking Greetings To Chiang

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—President Roosevelt's Administrative Assistant, Mr Laughlin Currie, has been given leave of absence in order to visit Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for first hand information on the Chinese economic situation. The visit will be made at the invitation of the Chinese Government.

The White House said that Mr Currie will transmit the President's personal greeting to the Generalissimo.

Mr Currie will be accompanied by Mr Emilio Despres, Senior Economist and head of the Research and Statistics Division of the Federal Reserve System. They will leave San Francisco by Clipper next Tuesday, and they expect to return about March 1.

U. S. Sailors Sentenced For Insult To Nazis

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—Suspended sentences of 90 days have been delivered by a Municipal Judge here on two seamen of the United States Navy who were charged with ripping down a Swastika flag from the German Consulate.

They will be handed over to the naval authorities who have promised that they will be "adequately dealt with."

The State Department has already expressed regret to Germany for the incident.

General Wu Teh-chen

RANGOON, Jan. 22.—General Wu Teh-chen left for Bassein south-west of Rangoon to-day but is expected to return on January 24.

He was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Governor of Burma, Sir Archibald Cochrane. On the following day, he addressed the Rangoon Rotary Club.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Jockey Club Looks To The Future

New Long Distance Handicaps For 1941 Extra Race Meetings

IT APPEARS that the motto of the Hongkong Jockey Club is: "Better class ponies; Better class races." Looking ahead seems to be their sole aim, for (according to the 1941 race fixtures just to hand) the Stewards have inaugurated a few new middle and long distance classic handicap events confined to all Australian ponies to be contested at the Extra Race Meetings during the current racing season.

LAST YEAR'S RESPONSE

It will be recalled that last year the Brisbane Spring Handicap for Australian ponies was lengthened from one and a quarter miles to two miles, and the response with a field of ten runners has no doubt prompted the racing Stewards for more long-distance races.

The most severe endurance test will be the Cesarewitch Stakes, a handicap for all Australian ponies over two and a quarter miles, and this will be run at the Double Tenth Meeting on October 11.

The Stewards' Cup (presented) will be a handicap for Australian ponies of this season over a distance from the two mile post, once round and in, and it will be contested at the Second Extra Meeting on October 25.

The Bona River Paddock Handicap for all Australian ponies will be over the Derby course of 1½ miles at the Fifth Extra Meeting on May 10, while the Cambridge Stakes (a handicap for the same class of races) will be staged at the Ninth Extra Meeting on December 6.

The Melbourne Cup (an old event which hitherto has been transferred to the First Extra Meeting to be held on March 8, but the Jockey Club has been lengthened from one and a quarter miles to two miles, and I have reason to say that the first prize stake money will be a valuable one owing to the fact that the entrance fee is \$10 instead of the usual \$5.

The Ladies Purse, which had always been a short run of one round the course at the Annual Meeting, will be a long ride on "B" class Australian ponies over two miles, and the winner is to receive \$1,000, a considerable sum for a race of this kind.

However, there is no question that we have not a bunch of stayers, for last year the Brisbane Spring Handicap (two miles) drew a field of ten runners and the Amicus Curiae won by a half's breadth.

Pleasantly Jim annexed the Queensland Handicap (seven stayers) for "C" class ponies over two miles by a neck, but in the Canobie Lea Handicap (ten starters) which was for "B" class stayers over the same course, he showed the handicapper up by winning in easy fashion with four lengths to his credit.

I may be prejudiced, but I certainly prefer long-distance races to

short ones any day. One gets more for one's money and usually a more exciting finish.

Sixty-six Entries For Rooty Hill Derby

THE ROOTY-HILL DERBY has attracted no less than sixty-six entries out of a consignment of 113 subscription griffins drawn by members and the following is a list of nominations:

A Fine Time, Amulet Star, Angel of Glory, Anzac Day, Araxy II, Archer, A Surprising Time, Baggage Master, Battle, Bendemeer, Bendigo, Black Seal, Bona Vacantia, Buckfastleigh, Casino, Castle Hill, Corriedou, Corsair, Corvett, Daylight, Dignitas, Double Dutch, Dutchtreat, Endeavour, Hawaiian Love, Hole In One, Jangle, Love, Jus Gentium, King's Flight, Leading Star, Lex, Fori, Loderstar, Look See, Macy, Mainsail, Manhattan, Moonlight, National Welfare, Never-Never, Newborn Star, Newmarket Day, Ogle, Optima Fide, Red Rabbit, Riverbridge, Royal Sovereign, Santa Anita, Saratoga, Seal River, Snow White, Starlight View, Strathmilly, Sunspot, Swallow, Sydney Diamond, Sydney Lady, The Hawk, Tobaccoship, Trade Wind, Twinkling Star, United Express, Vicar, Vitamin M, Willow and Zadderday.

Two Naval Teams For Blarney Stone Rugby Tournament

The Royal Navy have entered two teams for the Blarney Stone Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament, the preliminary round matches of which will be held on Saturday, February 15 and the finals on February 22. The Naval teams will be:

"A" team—Tel Honeywill; A/Ldg-Tel, Paul, Lieut. Carter (Capt.) and A/Ldg-Tel, Bowden; Sub-Lieut. Winter, Lieut. Wilson and C. P. O. W. King. "B" team—Lieut. Morahan (Capt.), Sub-Lieut. McGill, Sub-Lieut. Kennedy and Lieut. Mulholland; Sub-Lieut. Pock, Reserves, P. O. Wilson, P. O. Skinner, L. S. A. Palmer, A. D. Hughes and A. D. Gallagher.

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Amended Hockey Trial Teams Services Players Unable To Travel

It was officially learned yesterday morning from the Hon. Secretary of the Interport Selection Committee that Service hockey players will not be allowed to leave the Colony for Macao and as a result they have been replaced in Saturday's trial teams by civilians. The amended teams are as follows:

The amended teams are as follows: Colours—V. M. Newell (Y.M.C.A.); V. Bond (Club); R. G. K. Thomson (M. H. H. H.); D. McLeish (Club); Narwant Singh (Police); D. T. Smith (C.D.A.); Gurba Singh (Khalsa); F. Fowler (C.D.A.); T. S. D. Whitley (Club); J. J. B. (Police); J. Fonseca (Police); W. Brown (Police).

TULSA MARKSMEN AT WEDNESDAY'S RIFLE SHOOT

In spite of dull and menacing weather on Wednesday, 60 members of the Hongkong Rifle Association turned out for the afternoon's shooting on the Kowloon City Ranges. Although considerably wet underfoot, the rain held off with the exception of one very short and light shower, permitting firing to take place at 300, 500 and 600 yards.

There was no wind, but the varying light, which at times was very dark, but very dull, made shooting very difficult.

The rifle experts from the U.S.S. Tulsa were among those who braved the elements and with their peerless rifles made some good scores. C.M.S. F. Eskew obtaining a possible at 300 yards and scoring 89 out of a possible 105 over the three ranges. Scores were:

"A" Class
Cpl R. Langford Ser. 20 20 20 60
W/O. F. Tolson Ser. 20 20 20 60
Sgt. T. Baker Ser. 20 20 20 60
C/Sgt. F. Hale 2 20 20 20 60
Sgt. O. G. Clark 2 20 20 20 60

"B" Class
L/Sgt. G. Puran Singh 4 20 20 20 60
Mr. N. J. Whyte 5 20 20 20 60
L/M. W. Kiffin 5 20 20 20 60
Cpl W. J. Gash 5 20 20 20 60
L/Cpl E. W. Ailo 4 20 20 20 60
Sgt. O. G. Clark 2 20 20 20 60
Bsm. D. Bolam 6 20 20 20 60
L. L. B. Holmes 4 20 20 20 60
Mr. Pang Shun 7 20 20 20 60
Cpl Chanan Singh 5 20 20 20 60
Cpl J. Berry 6 20 20 20 60

"C" Class
L/Cpl G. Harkway 10 20 20 20 60
C.S.M. J. Tierney 9 20 20 20 60
Pte A. C. Jennings 11 20 20 20 60
Cpl H. Henty 5 20 20 20 60
Cpl O. A. Lomax 11 20 20 20 60
E. Wens F. W. 2 20 20 20 60
Cpl G. Martin 11 20 20 20 60
Lt O. C. Dawson 9 20 20 20 60

"D" Class
Pte J. Jones 14 20 20 20 60
L.A.C. R.J.A.S. Callaghan 14 20 20 20 60
L/Cpl M. S. Lau 14 20 20 20 60
Pte C. G. Weber 14 20 20 20 60
Pte W. Allen 14 20 20 20 60
Cpl K. O. Young 14 20 20 20 60

Winners of Handicap events will have their handicaps reduced by one point.

Honolulu Clipper Return Flight To-day

The following were due to leave for San Francisco to-day by Clipper:
Mr. Eric Mayall, newspaper cameraman, on leave after three years in the Far East.
The following left for Manila:
Mr. Gerardo V. Yambao, Pan-American employee returning after an overnight stay. Mr. Alexander H. Colquhoun, British Army officer, making a round-trip by Clipper on vacation.
Mr. Stephen F. Balfour, Hongkong Government cadet making a pleasure trip to Manila.
Mr. Calvin C. Chang, tourist.
Mr. Tan Hui, Clipper commutator.
Mr. Joseph Parrish, of the Standard Vacuum Oil Co., making a round-trip on business.
Mr. Lucio R. Jidefonso, of the American Express, Hongkong, on business.
Mr. Robert de Laval, of John Mannors & Co., on business.



Manfield (England) being brought down during the International Rugby Tournament match with England at Causeway Bay last Saturday. England won 8-0.—Ming Yuen.

CANDIDATES FOR HONGKONG DERBY Another Victory For Cire?

MR ERIC MOLLER heads the list of China pony griffins with five candidates, namely, Beautylight, Glossy, Lovely, Light, Rosylight and Velvetlight, and that honour is also shared by Sir Victor Sassoon with Eve of Deception, Eve of Grandeur, Eve of Illusion, Eve of Paradise and Eve of Rest.

Though Charlesher and Walber have been entered to race under the nomenclature of Marber I, the griffins are really the property of Mr B. W. Bradbury, who is also the owner of Marber stable with three aspirants, namely, Mauber, Faiber and Royber.

I have seen Cire's string of animals and I have come to the conclusion that the Hongkong Derby is going to Shanghai. If appearances count for anything, Lovelylight is certainly the cream of Mr Moller's five candidates and the mare will run away with the Hongkong Derby. The rest will

give good account of themselves and Mr Moller is going to sweep the board.

Without prejudice, Eve's stable has not a worthy runner to carry Sir Victor's silk to victory. This may also be said of Mr Bradbury's lot.

Ponies Named

HOWEVER, I am sure that students of training times will be interested to know the names of all China pony griffins that have been entered for the annual big meeting and I append below a list of 39 ponies:

Pony	Height	Owner
Beautylight	14.1	Cire
Bluegrass (late Law and Order)	14.1	C. H. Chan
Charlesher	14.1	Marber I
Eve of Deception	14.0	Eve
Eve of Grandeur	14.0	Marber I
Eve of Illusion	14.0	Marber I
Eve of Paradise	14.0	Marber I
Eve of Rest	14.0	Marber I
Flying Ace	14.0	Marber I
Forty Six	14.1	S. W. Lee
Glossy	14.1	Numerals
Infante (late Common View)	14.1	Collo
Iron Beauty	14.1	Nolasco
Leading Time	14.1	Li Po Chun
Lovelylight	14.1	Cire
Lovey View (late High Life Eve)	14.1	Marber I
Marvellous Scheme	14.1	Marber I
Mauber	14.1	Marber I
National Confidence	14.1	Why
National Integrity	14.1	Marber I
National Resistance	14.1	Marber I
Night Express	14.1	Marber I
Odeon (late Alexandria Day)	14.1	Marber I
Oolong	14.1	Marber I
Palmer	14.1	Marber I
Quick Step	14.1	Marber I
Raconteur	14.1	Marber I
Rosylight	14.1	Marber I
Royber	14.1	Marber I
Sain's Choice	14.1	Marber I
Sand Tray	14.1	Marber I
Sea Foam	14.1	Marber I
Sprinkle Time	14.1	Marber I
Standard Express	14.1	Marber I
Velvetlight	14.1	Marber I
Walber	14.1	Marber I
Well Done	14.1	Marber I
Wonderful Scheme	14.1	Marber I
World Fair View	14.1	Marber I

Swimming

JAPAN STARS SET NEW RECORDS IN "Y" POOL

Members of the Rikkyo (St Paul's) University Swimming team, who recently swept the board in the Philippine Swimming Championships held in Manila, gave a fine exhibition yesterday afternoon in the European Y.M.C.A. when one of their members, Oura, established a new bath record for 200 yards breast-stroke when he clocked 2 mins 27 secs to lower Koike's 1934 mark, established in the same pool, by 1 2/10 secs.

Shigeo Arai, Japan's first string swimmer, came to within one-tenth of a second of equalling Masunori Yusa's time of 53 2/10 secs, which the latter established in the Y.M.C.A. pool in 1934. Honda, who is also a sprinter, was a close second, another tenth of a second behind Arai.

Members of the team expressed the wish that they might attack the marks established by members of the Japanese Far Eastern Olympic team of 1934, who attacked world records in yardage on their way back from Manila.

The team left the Colony yesterday evening for Japan on the Kamo Maru.

RESULTS

Results, with the previous best times established by Japanese Olympic swimmers, were as follows:
100 Yards Free-style—J. Arai 53 2/10 secs. 2. Honda 53 4/10 secs. M. Yusa (1934) 53 2/10 secs. World record J. Wislammiller 51 secs.
150 Yards Back-stroke—Hiraga 1 min. 46 secs. Kawai (1934) 1 min. 41 4/10 secs.

Outstanding Gallops By Australian Subs.

Araxy II's Excellent Form

CLERK of the Weather was not too kind last Saturday morning, but the jockeys and trainers had to exercise their ponies and there were several fast gallops over the Derby course in preparation for the big meeting.

The best among the Australian subscription ponies was done by Araxy II who came out of the trial with flying colours.

Accompanied by Catterick Bridge, the pair jumped off with 22 1/2 seconds for the first quarter and the first mile was run in 2.04 1/2. I expected Araxy II would crack up after a first mile, but the progeny of Sum King went on cheerfully and he took a minute and three-fifths of a second to run the last half mile, covering the whole distance of 1 1/2 miles in 3.08 1/2.

It was a creditable performance and it may be interesting to know that Sum King is also the sire of Viceroy and Fair Chance; both of whom did not prove that they were first class stayers last year.

The one which impressed me was that gallop of Endeavour's accompanied by Iron Belle (Derby griffin) over 1 1/2 miles in 3.08 1/2. The former was ridden by Mr Peter Wei, and the chestnut by Don Salatis finished much stronger than Iron Belle.

A close perusal of the eight quarters would reveal that the last mile was run in 2.01 1/2 with 28 1/2 seconds for the home stretch.

One of the Best

SYDNEY Diamond was given a steady center over the Derby course and the chestnut journeyed the circle in 3.22 1/2 romping home in 27 1/2 seconds for the last quarter. For the time being I would nominate Sydney Diamond to be one of the three placed ponies in the Rooty-Hill Derby.

Manhattan by Double Court continued to please Messrs Shields and Stations, but I am afraid the pony cannot go beyond a mile. The American pony put a decent gallop last Saturday over the champion course in 2.39 1/2, but Manhattan did not finish as one would like to see.

Fresh Air has somewhat disappointed me as a stayer, for I cannot place any confidence in a pulper. Her mile in 2.03 1/2 was not too bad, but she was crawling down the straight in 34 1/2 seconds.

TEAMS FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR SOFTBALL MATCHES

The following have been chosen to play in the softball classic during the Chinese New Year holidays:

MONDAY 2.15 p.m.

Kowloon F.C.

Girl Starlets
Mary Ng and Terry Norenha
Dot Louie and Anderson
Lily Mar
Celeste Marques
Gloria Mar
Irene Castilho
Irene Pereira
Betty Fitzgibbon
Yvonne Yolie
utility
Al Humphreys
Dido Bowman
Al Chittenden
Kodak Eastman

References: Abe Liu, Ernie Hearther and H. Wagoner.

The nightcap between the U.S. Navy stars and Mohawk Tribe will have Abe Liu, Bill Woo and Nip Lum culling the lot.

TUESDAY 3 p.m.

Portugal

Cy Jones
Joe Morris
Ernie Hearther
Scot Davis
Lou Light
Polo Fitch
Mack Sherry
Larry Sela
Frank Crews

References: Bill Woo, Tommy Chan and Nip Lum.

Y.M.C.A. Teams

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. tomorrow on the New ground:
Seconds 3 p.m.—Cleggitt; Grant, Rallison; Saxby, Tomlinson, Gorman; Macoy, Olsen, Dornan, Pancey, Hanks.
Fifths 4.15 p.m.—Cleggitt; Taylor, Yourell; Jordan, Coombes, Walbridge, Sweeney, Sparo, Hinchcock, Morhan, Dunne.

Champions Of Bhopal

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—Bhopal's champion hockey team are the Bhopal Wanderers.

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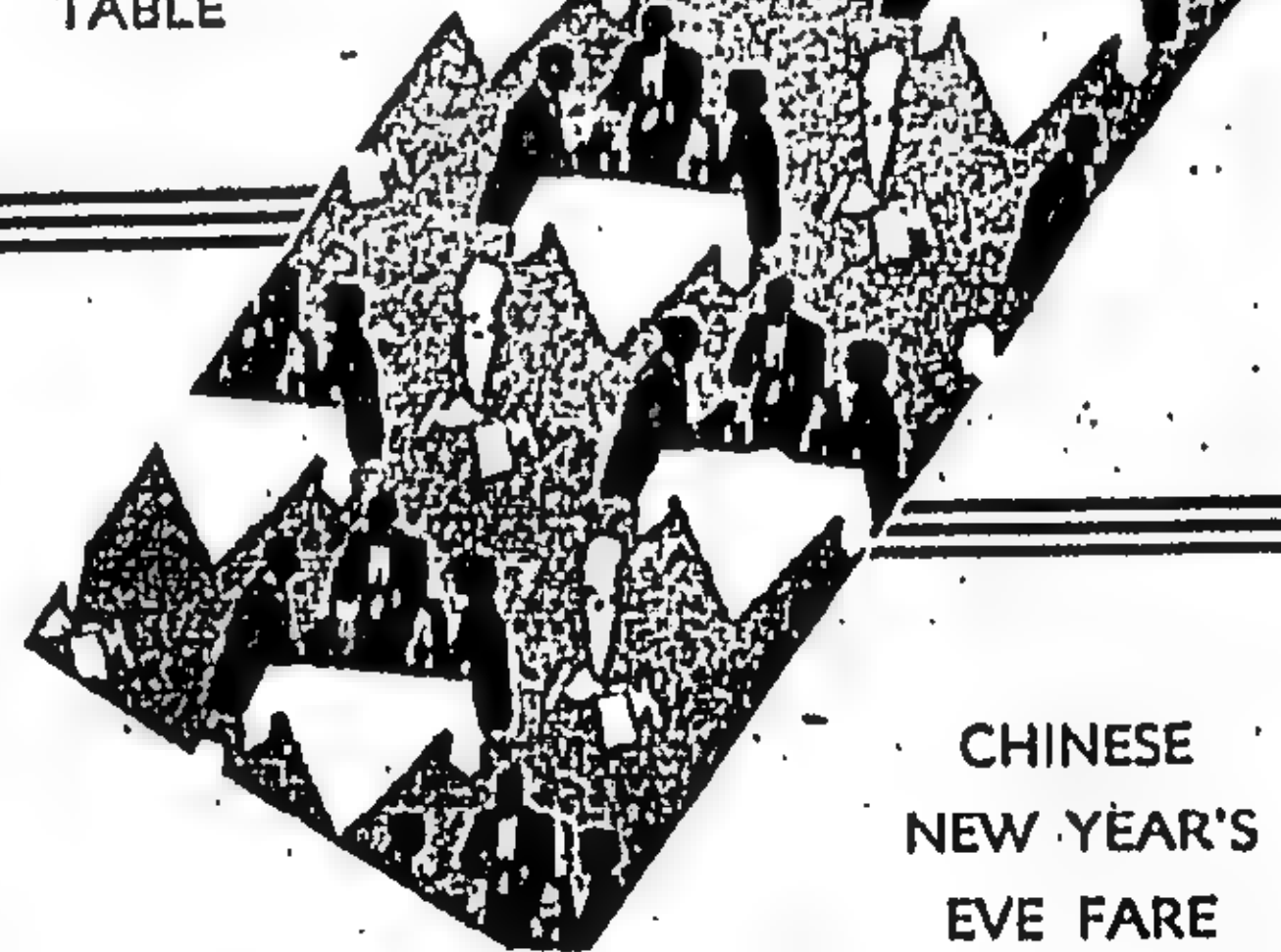
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By Ernie Bushmiller

ITALIAN TORPEDO

A torpedo used in the recent attempt by Italian officers to hit ships in harbour at Gibraltar is described as self-manoeuvring, with a self-steering wheel.

This description was applied by people who, while travelling to Gibraltar from La Linea, the Spanish frontier town, saw the unexploded torpedo on the beach at La Linea.

The Spanish military authorities, including the Governor of Algeiras, inspected the area, which was promptly cordoned off. No one was allowed to approach until the afternoon, when the torpedo was removed.

Drury Lane Bomb Missed Treasures

Goering's bombers hit the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, in recent raids. But they failed to do what Grimaldi, Nell Gwyn, Peg Woffington, Garrick and Dan Leno always did; they failed to bring the house down.

A heavy bomb fell about midnight and went through the roof, the gallery, the upper circle and the grand circle and exploded at the back of the pit.

The damage is luckily confined to the auditorium. All the treasures of the theatre are untouched—the Royal Box, from which George II. announced the victory of Culloden Moor, the Green Room, the mirror used by Garrick, the room in which Sheridan wrote "The School for Scandal."

Since the War ENSA has had its headquarters at the Lane. It didn't miss one hour's work for the bombing, the stage being protected by its iron curtain, which the blast from the back of the pit buckled "like a leaf."



CHILE RESENTS COMMUNISTS—More than 50,000 persons jammed into Parque Casino, in Santiago, Chile, in a mass demonstration against Communists. Disorders were prevented by military guards, but demonstrators carried many signs, as above, protesting Communist influence.

Duce's Shore Defence Train

To Italy's naval strength (or imaginary strength) add an unspecified number of trains especially equipped for fighting off attacks from the sea.

Active use of these trains was disclosed during the four-day war with France.

Two locomotives, it is disclosed by Associated Press from Rome, were kept with steam up constantly, ready to haul the train at high speed at the first sign of a bombardment from the sea.

At the signal, all civilian traffic was sidetracked to allow the fighting train to rush through to the danger point. The particular train described carried one car of munitions right behind the engine, several cars of long-range guns and their equipment, and one car on which were mounted anti-aircraft artillery and special machine guns for fighting off enemy planes.

Arriving at the designated spot, the two engines pulled away a short distance, leaving the gun carriages alone. Heavy braces were dropped to the ground to help absorb the firing shocks, and keep the tracks from being jolted out of alignment.

While this was going on, sailors ran up a signalling mast and quickly strung a telephone line to wires along the right of way, setting up communication between the various units of the train.

Within a minute and a half of the train's arrival on the spot, all this had been done and the guns were ready in firing position, the correspondent reported. A small torpedo boat at sea signalled the proximity of the shots to the target.

Raid-Blinded Given Home

Blind V.C.'s Generosity

A V.C.—Sir Becheroff Towse, who was blinded in the Boer War—has lent his beautiful Thames-side home to the National Institute for the Blind as a training centre for civilians who have lost their sight in air raids.

Sir Becheroff, who is chairman of the Institute, hoped that as a result of a recent appeal owners of country houses would offer their homes for this purpose but not one has responded. He hopes his own gesture will be an example.

Part of the cost of the training scheme will be met by a gift of £10,000 from Lord Nuffield.

Pharaoh's Forgotten Wife

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—Totalitarian Pharaoh Unas, who ruled Egypt in the 19th century before Christ, had a very completely forgotten wife. It is now revealed by archaeologists who have unearthed and entered the tomb of a Queen Nebet among royal burials in Sakkara.

The very name of Queen Nebet is unfamiliar to modern Egyptologists, but Zaki Y. Saad, leader of the explorations, has found convincing evidence in the tomb to conclude that she was undoubtedly the royal wife of Unas.

The empty tomb, pronounced richly sculptured, is adorned with a great array of inscriptions, adding to knowledge of Egypt's fifth dynasty. A portrait of the queen delicately holding a lotus flower stands over a doorway.

Absolute Monarchs
Pharaohs in the fourth to sixth dynasties are known to have ruled Egypt as absolute monarchs by divine right, and to have held all high offices in the government in dictatorial fashion, including direction of the armies, legal affairs, and the highly important religious functions of the state. Pharaoh owned all land in Egypt, and was the only earthly inhabitant who looked forward to a heavenly life with the gods.

When the tomb of Pharaoh Unas was first entered in modern times by archaeologists in 1891, the royal burial had been robbed, and a few scattered bones are the only remains of this one-time powerful king.

Americans Not Getting Proper Food

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Dr M. L. Wilson, Extension director of the agricultural department, estimates that 45,000,000 Americans are not getting proper food.

"It is impossible to measure the exact nutritional status of all these people, but we do know that diets such as they are consuming cannot promote optimum nutrition over long periods," he told the Southeastern Regional Restaurant convention.

Wilson said the poor nutrition was due to bad food habits and to lack of knowledge of the relation of proper food to health.

He urged restaurants to provide well-planned club meals or "blue plate" specials of nutritive foods instead of specialising on sandwiches. Miss Harriet Elliott, Defence Commission consumers' counsel, told the convention that improving the nutritional level of the country is a first defence requirement.

Nazis Fear Paris News-Sheets

THE spread of clandestine news-sheets in Paris and elsewhere in the occupied region of France has led Otto Abetz, Ribbentrop's agent there, to take counter-measures in two directions.

Through the Paris Chief of Police, M. Langeron, he has forbidden the sale of stencils, gelatine pads or other apparatus which can be used for making copies of typewritten documents.

All duplicating apparatus must be declared to the police and a register kept of all persons buying such articles.

Furthermore, M. Jacques Doriot, the ex-Communist who quarrelled with Moscow and now displays strong Fascist sentiments, has been given a new organ in which to express them in the German interest.

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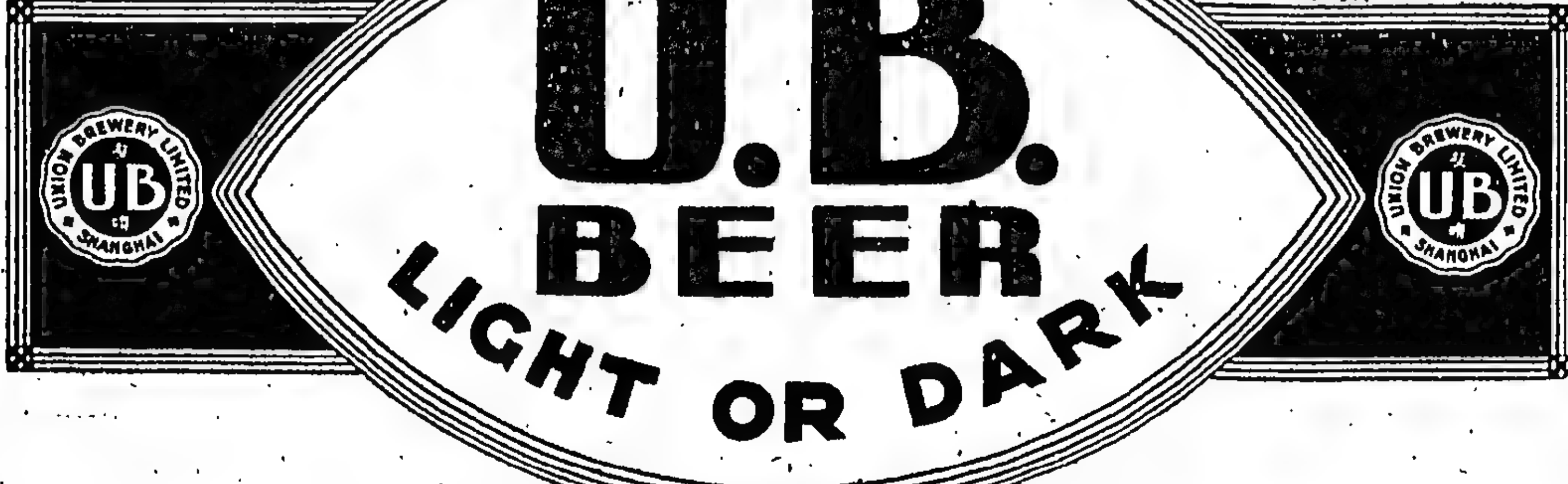
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DANISH COUNCIL FORMED

A Danish Council has just been formed in London. It will represent all Danes and persons of Danish birth in Great Britain in their effort to work for British victory and the liberation of Denmark; help to solve problems arising from the suspension of relations with Denmark; and co-operate with existing organisations both in this country and abroad.

The inauguration took place at the Danish Club recently, at which were present several important members of the Danish colony in London.

It was presided over by Mr T. K. Kielberg, who has a son an officer in the British Army and a daughter in the A.T.S. He is a member of the L.D.V.

United Voice

Mr Kielberg said that through the Council all Danes in this country would be able to speak and act with one united voice.

Office premises have been taken which would be a bureau for Danes who were anxious to serve the cause of liberty. It will link up with the great Danish populations in America and the British Empire.

Pétain's Stalling Annoys The Nazis

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There is at present no indication of Vichy's reaction to the tremendous German pressure in favour of Laval's restoration to a position of authority in the Vichy Government.

Laval Discredited

It is, however, obvious that Laval is now so discredited in French eyes that if he is forced upon the Vichy Government, it will be regarded as humiliating and will not make Laval or the Germans more popular.

The whole episode strengthens the belief that a much more resilient spirit is prevailing at Vichy and is finding sustenance in the knowledge of British Mediterranean successes; Admiral Laval's interviews with Pétain can have left no doubt as to the reality and magnitude of American aid for democracy.

SIX KILLED IN RESCUE BID

The pilot and four passengers of an aeroplane were killed when the pilot tried to catch a parachutist whose parachute had failed to open at Marianna, Arkansas. The parachutist was also killed. The plane dived to get under the parachutist, but collided with him and crashed.

BRITISH FORCES

Four Million Men For Defence

London, Jan. 22. In the House of Commons to-day Mr Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, announced that the Army and Home Guard now have 4,000,000 armed and uniformed men available for the defence of Britain. Enough factories have been established to supply the Army with everything it requires for a continuous action against the Germans in Europe. The Army and Air Force will have to reduce their demands on skilled labour during the coming months so that labour can be diverted to new factories, ship yards and farms.

The Government fixed the size of the Army in November 1939, but subsequently decided to add equipment for ten additional divisions, but I am not going to say how many divisions it amounts to. It is a very large and formidable force, both with regard to establishment and amphibious power and for the defence of this island.

Mr Churchill, who was speaking at the conclusion of the debate on the manpower problem, said that in the 18th month of the war Britain had 200,000 more workers in munitions and aircraft production than in the 48th month of the World War.

—United Press.

DERNA BOMBED BY R.A.F.

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A famous tank regiment which I visited, chased one Italian division right into Bardia. In the course of this task, they were subjected to formidable Italian air attacks.

On one day alone they had 18 bomber and 15 fighting attacks, but latterly such attacks have been entirely absent owing to the fact that the R.A.F. has smashed up the Italian aerodromes.

I was privileged to accompany a daylight patrol. Climbing up from a deep basin, we gradually approached level ground and made a survey of many miles.

As look-out points against unexpected tank sallies, the Italians had established a series of pole squatters and look-out posts around the whole perimeter of the Tobruk defences. But a young officer told me that many figures seen on these poles proved to be dummies.

Tank traps have also proved formidable and many booby traps and hidden mines were also discovered.

How Italy Took It

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Italian press makes valiant efforts to minimise the importance of the fall of Tobruk.

Newspapers stress the view that the capture "cannot substantially change the course of the war" and declare that Italy is as resolved as ever to fight on until final victory is achieved.

In descriptions of the battle, great emphasis is laid on the bravery of the Italian defenders, "who fought against 'superior' forces" upon whom they inflicted serious losses in men and material."

ENGLISH JUDGE RESIGNS

Mr Justice Greaves-Lord has resigned his office of judge of the High Court of Justice, owing to ill-health. Mr Justice Greaves-Lord, who is 62, became a judge of the High Court in 1935. He had been Recorder of Manchester for 13 years before his elevation to the Bench, and was Conservative M.P. for Norwood.

Five Red Army Chiefs Get 31 Diamonds Each

Marshals Timoshenko, Voroshilov, Budenny, Kallik and Shaposhnikov, of the Red Army, have been awarded the gold Marshal's Star.

This star, which is studded with thirty-one diamonds, rivals in splendour any decoration of the old Czarist armies. It is worn around the neck.

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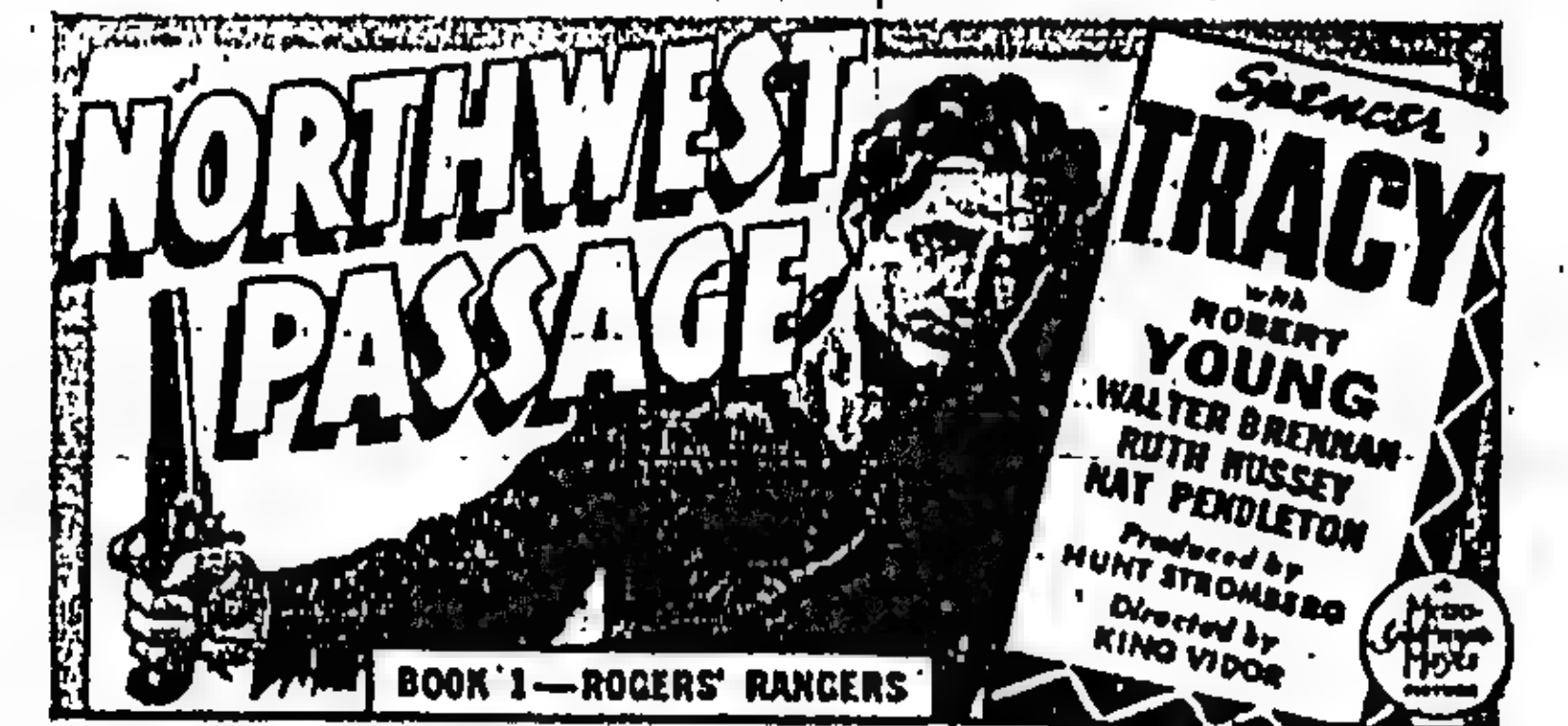
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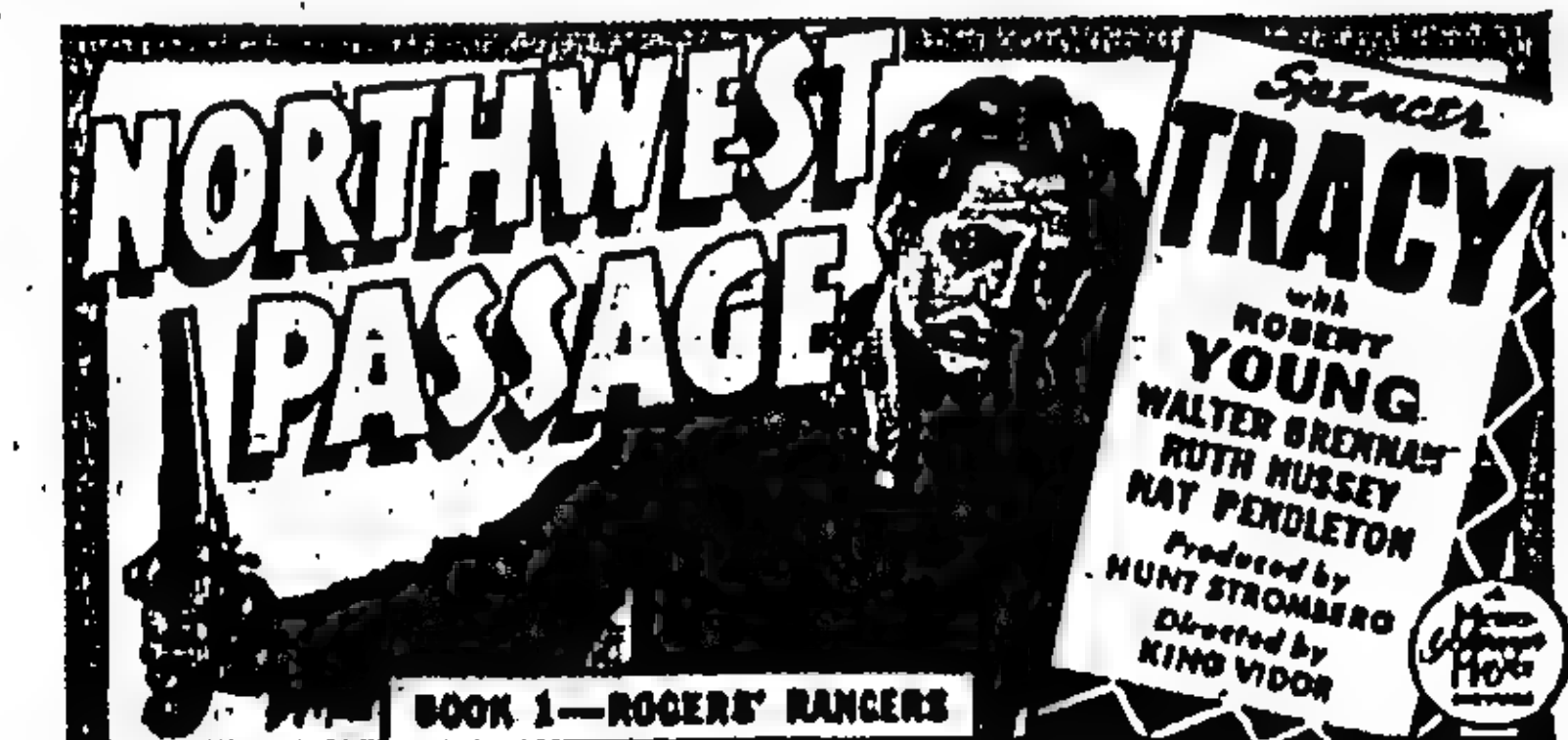
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GEN. ANTONESCU DECLARES HIMSELF MILITARY DICTATOR

Claims Four-Day Rebellion Has Been Completely Crushed

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 23 (UP).—GENERAL ION ANTONESCU, THE PREMIER OF RUMANIA, HAS PROCLAIMED HIMSELF FULL MILITARY DICTATOR.

IT IS REPORTED THAT ANTONESCU HAS REGAINED "COMPLETE MASTERY" OF THE NATION AND HAS CRUSHED THE FOUR-DAY REBELLION STAGED BY THE RADICAL IRON GUARDS.

DERNA BOMBED BY R.A.F.

New Facts About Tobruk's Fall

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The R.A.F. dropped several tons of bombs on the barracks and other military targets at Derna on the night January 20-21, causing large fires which were visible 80 miles.

Other R.A.F. attacks were made in Albania, Rhodes and East Africa.

14,000 PRISONERS AT TOBRUK

Occupation Complete

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—Today's General Headquarters communiqué says: "The capture of Tobruk was completed last night. So far over 14,000 prisoners have been taken including a Corps Commander, a Division Commander, two other Generals and a number of Senior Army and Naval Staff officers."

"About 200 guns of all calibres were captured, along with quantities of other military material. Our casualties were under 500. The enemy battle casualties are not fully ascertained but 2,000 wounded have already been evacuated."

General Kietel's Interview

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Hungarian Defence Minister, General Charles Bartha, arrived here at 8.30 a.m. and was met by General von Kietel, Commander-in-Chief of the German armies.

Hungarian circles stated the visit was at the invitation of General von Kietel and was arranged four or five weeks ago; therefore, it is not connected directly with the present situation in southeastern Europe.

General Bartha is expected to be interviewed by Hitler, Goering, Ribbentrop and Hess.

Two persons had been before him, said Mr. Forrest, who claimed to have lost their certificates. They were provided with fresh documents. Their explanation, however, was that the certificates had been taken from them by robbers.

S.C.A. Investigation
The matter, it is learned, has also been investigated by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, but that depart-

R.A.F. Over Tobruk

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—R.A.F. bombers made 87 raids on Tobruk during the day, which preceded the launching of the Army's attack, this playing an important part in the capture of this Libyan port.

From dawn to dusk that day R.A.F. bombers were almost continuously over Tobruk while during the night Derna and Apollonia, further along the coast, were also heavily bombed in order to prevent reinforcements being sent up.

Apart from the moral effect of such bombings, the R.A.F. apparently silenced a number of guns.

Fighter pilots also had little rest in maintaining continuous patrols throughout the operations.

Despite all this activity, the R.A.F. lost only three planes in ten days.

Mechanized Offensive

It is almost impossible to exaggerate the important part played in the Libyan offensive by British mechanized units forging ahead and cutting off one vital strong post after another.

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I was privileged to accompany a TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Mr. Keswick Has "Good Night"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Mr. W. J. Keswick, who was shot yesterday by a Japanese, had a good night, according to Dr. Tanaka, who told "Reuter" that the patient's condition was "very satisfactory."

Antonescu Reaches A Compromise

Rumania To Become Legionary State

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 23 (UP).—Official Hungarian sources in Bucharest stated today that a compromise has been reached between General Antonescu and the Iron Guard moderates, leaving the Iron Guard extremists out in the cold.

They said that the Vice Premier, Horia Sima had conferred with General Antonescu and ordered the Iron Guard to cease all action.

The Bucharest Radio broadcast a manifesto issued by General Antonescu stating that he is completely organizing Rumania as a "Legionary State." The radio warned the people to evacuate the streets near the police station "because in the morning-up by the army it may become necessary to use arms."

The people to remain indoors and "if the revolutionaries force their way into homes, you must resist until help can be sent."

Legionnaires Claim

Unconfirmed press advices state that the fighting continued up to late Tuesday night. The Legion Radio TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Advance By Greeks Continues

Many Prisoners Taken

ATHENS, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Government spokesman announced that Greek shock troops are continuing their offensive and have occupied a new position, including one strategically important 1,700 metre height, despite stiff Italian resistance.

The spokesman asserted that the Italians are consistently unable to check the Greeks and are retreating hurriedly with heavy losses.

The Greeks captured 200 Italians including officers, mortars, machine-guns, automatic rifles and much material.

It is announced that in the northern sector, the Greeks are repulsing the enemy by very rapid actions, and have advanced, inflicting heavy losses.

Kioka Officers Captured

ATHENS, Jan. 23 (UP).—The War Ministry announced "During Thursday's successful operations we occupied enemy territory and took 200 Italian prisoners including eight officers and war materials."

It was affirmed that fierce fighting had occurred at Priana near the Russian frontier, and that about 50 were killed. The rebels are defending their positions from house to house, surrendering only when they are encircled.

The Brasov Radio which is again under the control of General Antonescu this afternoon broadcast decrees ordering everyone to surrender all their weapons and ammunition to the authorities and stating that the rebels over the country had surrendered and that peace and order had been restored.

Antonescu Negotiating

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—General Ion Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, has proclaimed a military dictatorship in Rumania, according to the Yugo-Slav newspaper "Vereme."

Yugo-Slav reports quoted by the Budapest radio stated that General Antonescu is negotiating with the Iron Guard in order to clean up the situation but it added that the Rumanian radio has warned the people against staying in the streets as "the disarming of detachments offering resistance may occasion some shooting."

Rumanian troops have already re-appeared in the Rumanian Broadcasting Company's building according to some reports, though it is stated that fighting still continues in Bucharest and in other large towns.

Yugo-Slav circles, the Budapest Yuncer added, expect a recrudescence of trouble in Rumania within a few days.

Order Restored

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Bucharest radio announced at 1.15 p.m. today says the Bolgrade radio broadcaster, that order is restored everywhere in Rumania.

The Bucharest announcer is said to have stated that the Army is taking orders only from General Antonescu.

LATEST

S'hai Finances In Serious State

SHANGHAI, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—In view of the very serious financial state, the Council held an emergency meeting of Anglo-American councilors at which the British and American Consuls General were present.

It was decided to convene another special ratepayers meeting at the earliest opportunity if the Japanese can guarantee complete peace and order on the part of their ratepayers.

The Japanese authorities according to an official statement are taking the most serious view of the shooting affair and are preferring charges against Hayashi.

Mr Keswick's condition is satisfactory. The standing Committee of the Japanese ratepayers Association decided to hold an extraordinary meeting today to discuss yesterday's unexpected development.

Meanwhile, Mrs Keswick has won the hearts of Japanese officials and residents by visiting Mr. Okamoto, who was also wounded, in the Japanese hospital in Hongkew.

Smashing Blows At Dusseldorf By R.A.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 23 (UP).—It is disclosed that the Royal Air Force made a concentrated air attack on Dusseldorf last night and dropped hundreds of bombs on steel works, gas works, coal works, an oil storage plant, munition factory, the aerodrome and the railway.

This attack on Dusseldorf is the twenty-first since the beginning of the war, and came a few hours after a daylight raid in which six Polish members of the R.A.F. machine-gunned German motorboats, grounded planes, troops, trucks, convoys and anti-aircraft guns along the French coast invasion ports between the Straits of Dover and the Somme River.

Japan To Mediate In Thailand Dispute; Vichy Accepts Offer

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Jan. 23 (UP).—It is officially announced that the French Government has accepted the offer made by the Japanese Government to mediate in the frontier dispute between Thailand and Indo-China.

The Government instructed the French Ambassador at Tokyo, M. Arsene Henry to arrange details for arbitration.

Foreign Legionnaire Describes Thai War

Special to the "Telegraph"

PNOMPENH, Jan. 23 (UP).—A German member of the Foreign Legion returned yesterday from the Sisophon front minus one foot, and in an exclusive interview with the "United Press" expressed his contempt of the Thai organization and the Thai tactics.

In respect to the equipment of the Thais, he said: "They have everything we need, especially planes which bomb our machine-gun positions throughout the day. I prefer Africa a hundred times to Indo-China."

"Everywhere the Thais are like monkeys, they swarm in the trees and fire from hidden positions in troops."

On January 18, my company met the unluckiest fate of the Foreign Legion thus far. We were ordered to attack beyond Sisophon at dawn when the jungle is hazy. We had 32 men and advanced. Spies had informed us that over 200 Thai troops awaited us in hidden positions. Hell's fire suddenly broke out and an explosive machine-gun bullet tore off my foot. I am the only survivor out of the 32.

"There is a good deal of fifth column activity behind the front. The Thais cannot be distinguished from the Indo-Chinese. We believe that disguised Buddhist monks, who are not hampered as they pass between the fronts, are responsible."

Including the Thais who are wounded, they have already lost thousands. Our losses are smaller, but foreign losses are proportionally large because they must lead the natives who are otherwise no good."

"In this hospital alone there are 100 wounded foreigners. Our Commander said he had heard that tanks and planes are arriving from the United States. If that is true, we will be able to hold all fronts."

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (Reuter).

The grand total subscription to the All-India Defence Loans up to January 18 was nearly 480,000,000 rupees.

Queen Visits Raid Shelters

Their Majesties are constantly visiting their subjects in the bombed areas of London and other cities, cheering and consoling them with kindly words. Here we see Her Majesty chatting to little victims of Nazi aggression whilst having their dinner in an air raid shelter.



Artillery Duel

HANOI, Jan. 23 (UP).—The quiet on the Laos front which had lasted since last week was broken on the night of January 21-22 by an exchange of shells at Thakhet, four people being wounded.

On the morning of the 22nd, 30 shells were fired at Vientiane, and during the afternoon 20 more shells came over, causing slight damage. French artillery returned the fire.

Last night there was heavy Thai shooting at Banhouac, north of Luangprabang, and this morning the Thais advanced against an undefended post outside of Bassac. The French remained on the east bank of the Mekong River.

Haile Selassie In Ethiopia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP).—It is officially announced that Haile Selassie entered Ethiopia on January 15 to lead the revolt in co-operation with the British.

Thunderstorm Forces Down C.N.A.C. Plane

A violent thunderstorm which affected the plane's radio caused a C.N.A.C. machine flying from Hongkong to Kunning to make a forced landing on a roadway about 50 miles from Kwellin last week.

The pilot had left Kwellin to complete the trip to Kunning when he ran into a heavy electrical storm which necessitated him turning back. However, he was unable to locate Kwellin and cruised around for several hours before making a perfect landing on a roadway.

Fortunately the machine was not spotted by any Japanese planes and after he had refueled, the pilot was able to take off and resume his flight. The plane has since returned to Hongkong.

To Plead For Her Husband's Cause

A local Chinese press report states that Mrs. Yeh Ting, wife of the Fourth Route Army commander who was arrested last week, has arrived in Hongkong by plane to seek the assistance of Madame Sun Yat-sen and other leaders in effecting her husband's release.

The Fourth Route Army recently attacked Central Government troops after it had failed to obey an order to move north of the Yangtze River.

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12.30 Film Selections.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Three Songs by John McCormack (Tenor).

Candle Light (Cadmian-Lee Shippey); Love's Secret (Blanke-Dantoc); O Gathering Clouds (arr. Bain); 1.13 The London Palladium Orchestra.

Echoes from the Puzza (Ferraris); Kiss Me Again (Victor Herbert); Childhood Memories (arr. Somers); Master Melodies-Medley.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Jay Wilbur and His Band.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.35 Compositions of Brahms.

Variations On A Theme by Haydn (St. Antoni Chorus); Op. 60A.... Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini; Waltzes Nos. 7-12-Op. 39.... Aniole Kitain (Piano); Hungarian Dance No. 5.... Wolff (Violin) with Piano acc.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Dance Music by Joe Loss and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 "The Gay Nineties".

Songs by Frank Luther with Zora Layman and the Century Quartet.

8.22 Robinson Crusoe at the Organ.

8.28 London Relay—"Theatreland".

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Books and People".

9.45 Request Classical Programme.

Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna—Overture (Suppe).... St. Antoni Orchestra; O. Channing—Massenet.... Gligli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Rustic of Spring, Op. 32, No. 3 (Sinding); Scherzo Impromptu, Op. 73, No. 2 (Grieg).... Ellen Joyce (Piano); One Fine Day (from "Madam Butterfly"—Puccini).... Rosetta Pampaloni (Soprano) with Orchestra; Valse de Concert, Op. 47 (Clara Schumann).... San Francisco Symphony Orchestra; Passerelle (Horriek and Purcell); The Gentle Maiden (arr. Somervell).... Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orchestra; Fair Rosemary (Kreisler); Rondino (On a Theme by Beethoven—Kreisler).... Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano acc.; Grant, O Love (from "The Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart); Tuna Lennitz (Soprano) with Orchestra; Divertimento, Op. 17 in D Major (Mozart).... Sir Hamilton Harty cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra; Dove Song: Vanished Are Ye (from "The Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart).... Tuna Lennitz (Soprano) with Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

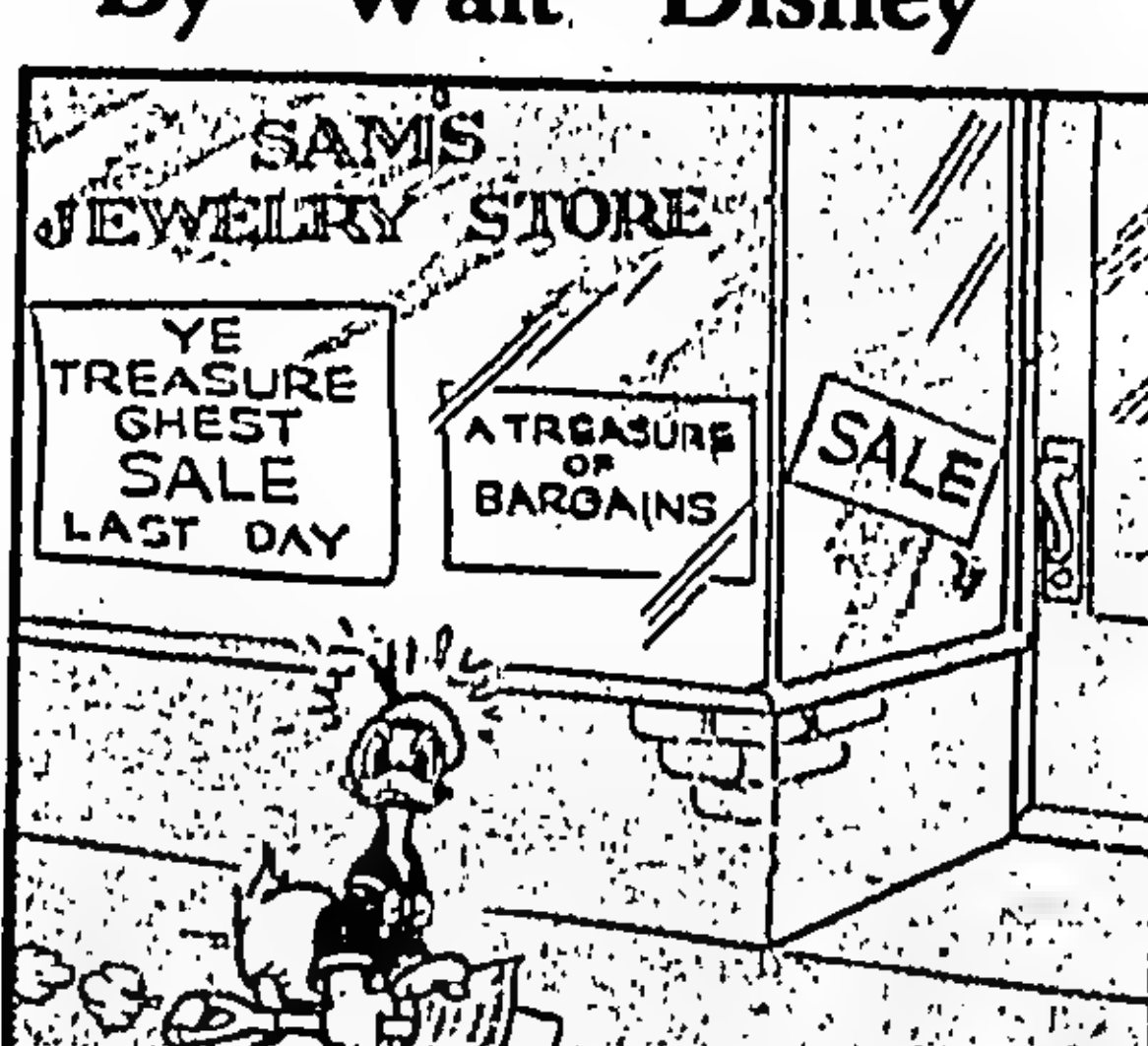
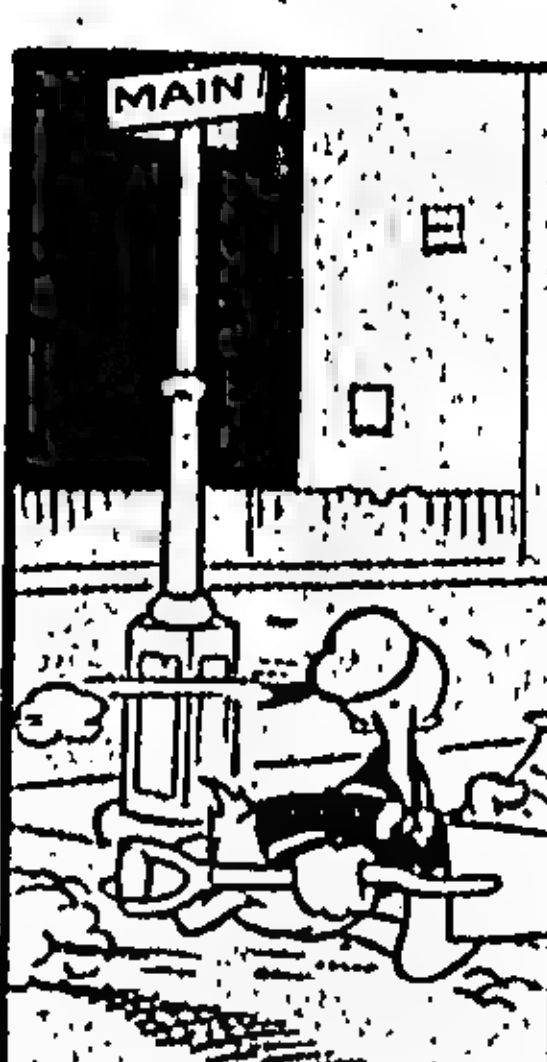
Federal Debt Limit Bill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Representative Henry Doughton, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee said he would introduce a bill in the House this week-end to raise the Federal debt limit.

He said the maximum has not been decided on as yet, although "there had been suggestions of \$65,000,000,000."

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"THE plane was on fire and by the time my whiskers were singed it looked as if it would blow up. We made for our parachutes, but when I got mine I found it was on fire too."

This is part of a letter home in which Sergeant John Hannah, an R.A.F. wireless operator, tells how he won the V.C.

Hannah, who is only 18, is the youngest recipient of the V.C. since the war began.

Single-handed, he extinguished a fire when the plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire over Antwerp on September 15, after the rear-gunner and navigator had baled out.

The pilot, who brought the machine safely home, has already been awarded the D.F.C.

"I am really lucky to be alive," says Sergeant Hannah's letter.

"The plane was a blazing mass, and a terrific target for the Ack. Ack."

Quick Thinking

"I did some quick thinking and started throwing out the flaming mass."

During this time ammunition on the 'kite' was going off in a penny and the heat was terrific.

"Finally I got the fire out and we limped home and landed at our base."

"I hear that A.A. chiefs and R.A.F. officers have been having the 'kite' photographed from all angles, and I have had so many visits from the big shots that I am beginning to feel quite a big shot myself."

"I have been congratulated on conduct. It seems to have been the first time a fire has been put out in the air."



SERGEANT J. HANNAH

The official account of Sergeant Hannah's work says he forced his way through the flames to get two extinguishers, with which he fought the fire for 10 minutes.

When these were empty he continued to beat out the flames with his log book. Meanwhile thousands of rounds of ammunition were exploding inside the aircraft.

Heat from the fire was so intense that all the aluminium sheet metal on the floor of the cockpit was melted away, leaving only the cross beams.

Birth of The SPITFIRE

Britain's "Spitfire" fighter was really born 15 years ago! It began its amazing career in 1925 as Supermarine S4 mono-plane, designed and built to take part in the Schneider Trophy race off Baltimore, U.S.A., and piloted by H. C. Baird. The plane, after setting up a record of 226 m.p.h., crashed in a test flight before the contest.

What appeared to be a silver bird dancing in the sunlight was the seaplane banking round the first pylon off Bembridge. Across the open sea it dashed to West Witter-

ing, off Chichester Harbour, rose higher, swooped down round the next pylon and on along the 14 miles' leg of the course fringing Southsea and Portsmouth towards the pylon in the Solent.

Only 30 years old when he designed the first Supermarine S4, he laboured unceasingly, with undaunted courage against failing health, for a dozen years during which he successfully redesigned his first creation and made it possible for a British machine to attain a world record with a speed of 407 m.p.h.

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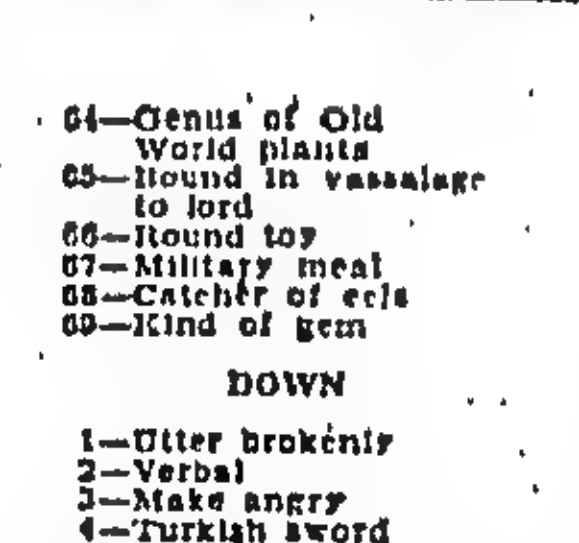
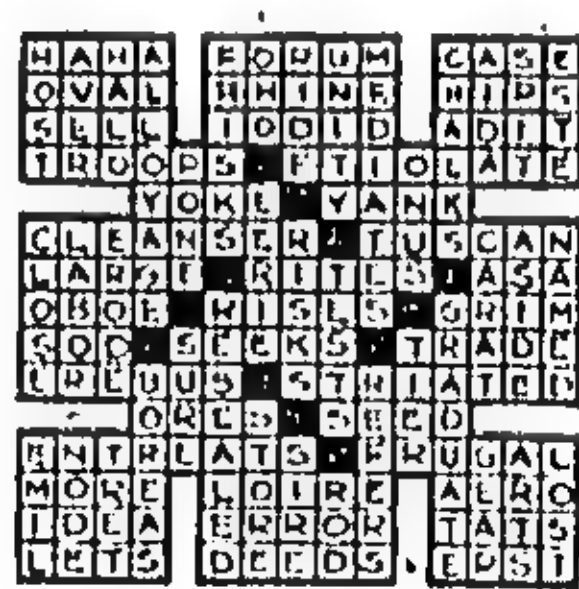
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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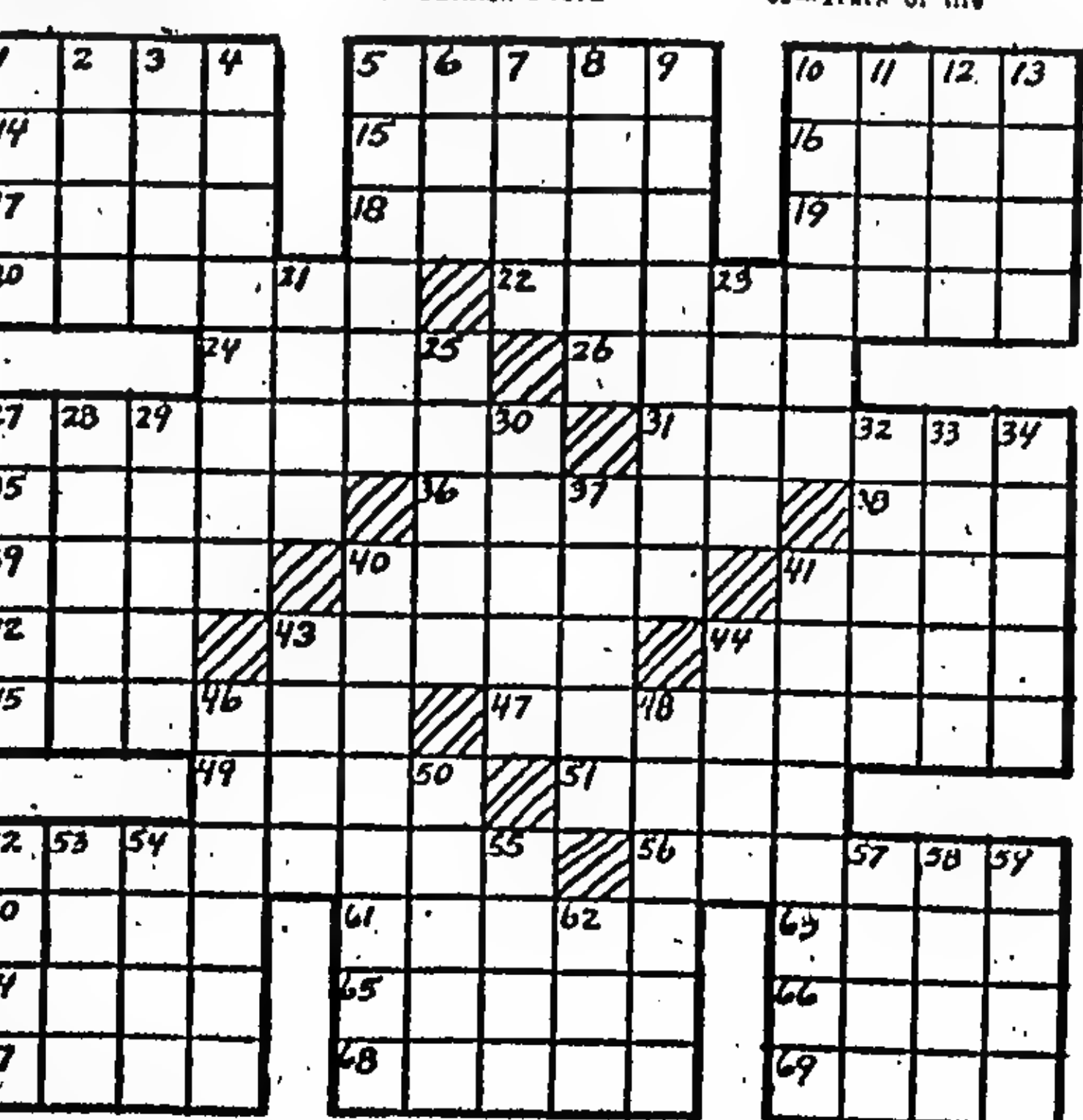
- 1—Dined with blood
- 2—Former Central American native
- 10—Snow vehicle
- 11—Monday
- 12—Girl's name
- 13—Whig's opponent
- 14—Sodium chloride
- 15—Go to
- 16—Irish
- 20—Police in garment
- 21—Lucky place
- 22—Twisted wheel
- 23—Arrest
- 24—Aced as female parent
- 31—Character in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night"
- 32—Province in India
- 33—Scene of action
- 34—At present
- 35—Look over
- 36—Permit to live
- 37—Soon
- 42—Hardly (abbr.)
- 43—In Iceland, god of Norse pantheon
- 44—Pat
- 45—Lowest naval commissioned officer
- 46—Filled with honey of plants
- 47—High table-land
- 48—Entrance
- 52—More firmly supported
- 55—Held under lease
- 56—Disputed
- 57—Food in general
- 58—Blind mammal

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

- 3—Ancient Roman emperor
- 4—Girl's name
- 5—Religious ceremony
- 6—Lined articles
- 7—Noise
- 8—Impure thoroughly
- 9—Without friends
- 10—Ancient Scand.
- 11—Latin navigator
- 12—Part of force
- 13—Are full to over-
- 14—Home
- 15—Girl's name
- 16—Harvest
- 17—Difficult shot in billiards
- 18—One of very ancient
- 19—Illness
- 20—Absolute ruler
- 21—Draw water from
- 22—Thin which is within
- 23—Loop of rope
- 24—Vastness
- 25—Made mistake
- 26—Exhausting sound
- 27—Judgment
- 28—Negro tribe of Congo
- 29—County in Nebraska
- 30—Viable representation
- 31—Not as warm
- 32—Pretend falsely
- 33—Floor
- 34—Grecian airport
- 35—Food
- 36—Cleaning agent
- 37—Girl's name
- 38—Small secluded valley
- 39—Years of life



The day of the great race arrived, September 12. But what a day! Visibility was reduced to about a mile with blinding rain and mist, and the wind howled half a gale. A more unfriendly day for high speed racing could not be imagined. The rules provided for unfavourable weather, and the international racing officials abandoned the race till next day.

Sunday, September 13—unlucky number to the superstitious, but the luckiest day in British aviation—dawned a magnificent day, sun-flooded and with a visibility of over 15 miles. Huge crowds of spectators lined the shores of South Hampshire and the northern coast of the Isle of Wight.

In the testing area off Calshot Castle in Southampton Water a small silver seaplane waited near the starting line, rising and falling uneasily on the short, choppy waves. One o'clock came. A gun boomed! A dull roar followed immediately, and a great splash of spray told that Flight Lieutenant Boothman, R.A.F., England's first choice of pilot, had taken the air in Supermarine S-6B.

His mighty engine, sensitive to the touch of his fingers, roared as the seaplane took off, circling at about 150ft, then landing gracefully, skimming the shimmering blue water like a great gull. It was a magic moment. The crowds within sight gasped as they watched the seaplane again rise suddenly when Lieutenant Boothman opened his engine full throttle and flashed the starting-line into

Some New War Means Are Old To Magicians

MAGICIANS have more startling tricks than ever this season, but without a single exception they are based on known physical foundations that can be mastered by anyone with a proper training in legerdemain, according to Mrs. Harry Houdini, who has just returned to her home in Los Angeles from a round of conventions of the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians.

"It is a mistake to teach children superstitions about supernatural phenomena," says the widow of the man who was world famous for his illusions, and who spent much of his lifetime exposing and debunking the so-called "supernatural."

"Master magicians with few exceptions are franker to-day than they've ever been in admitting that even their most mystifying performances have natural explanations, and that all forms of alleged

psychic phenomena are without foundation," Mrs. Houdini says.

Magicians spent considerable time at the conventions discussing the extent to which nations at war are now using some of the most spectacular tricks of the trade.

Mrs. Houdini says it was her husband who taught the inventor of the rip-cord parachute how to fold huge pieces of silk into a small package, a trick first demonstrated on the stage of the Hippodrome Theatre in New York.

Prior to the World War, Houdini himself gave to the Navy Department a diving suit which he perfected for one of his acts.

For a number of years, magicians have startled their audiences with "devil fire," harmless looking bits of paper that suddenly burst into flames, a device reported to have been scattered in large quantities by war planes in Europe recently.

Camouflage is but a large scale adaptation of principles known and practiced by magicians for centuries, according to Mrs. Houdini, and even recent stories of new "invisible paint" applied to aeroplanes are "old stuff" to professional prestigitators.

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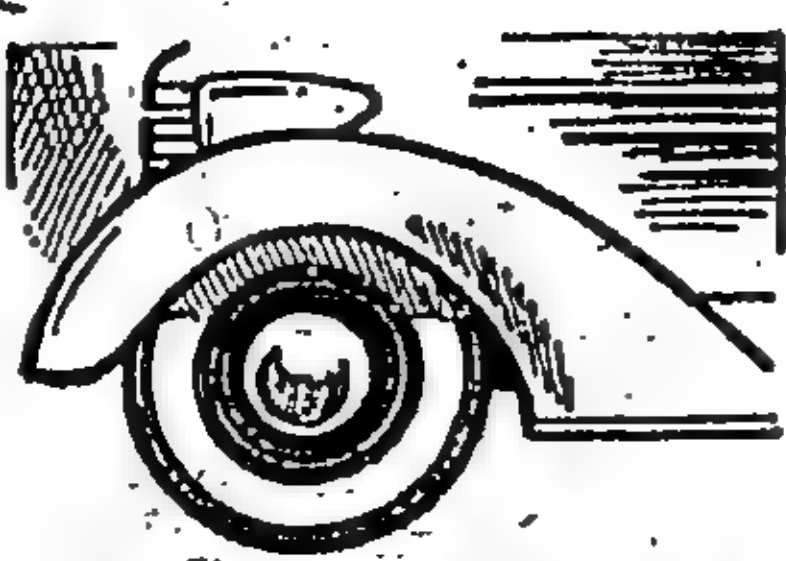


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DEATHS

BROOK—At the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday, Joshua Brook, at the age of 56 years, the Cortège will leave Anderson's Funeral Parlour at 5 p.m. to-day passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

MAY—At the Matilda Hospital, Hongkong, at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd January, Annie May, widow of the late George Thomas May, in her 88th year. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

BIRTH

WHITE—At the War Memorial Nursing Home, on the 24th inst., to Margaret, wife of G. A. White, a son, Timothy Peter.

The
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BRITAIN'S TRADE

Although Sir Arthur Salter, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping, recently stated that it had been found necessary to sacrifice Britain's foreign trade to some extent, there is evidence to show that no effort is being spared to keep up the flow of exports abroad, especially to the United States whose dollars are needed to help pay for the equipment that keeps the British war effort moving. The convoys that carry aeroplanes, steel, guns and shells to British ports do not return to the American Continent in ballast. On the contrary, they still continue to make their westward passage well laden with merchandise for the United States market and similar efforts are being made to keep the trade with South America flowing smoothly.

Reports from New York and other American cities show that though Britain's trade may not be "as usual" it is nevertheless continuing. Christmas shoppers found that British textiles, toys, sweaters, gloves, shoes, etc. were plentiful amid an almost total lack of goods from other European countries. Furthermore, a circular, dealing with the woollen trade, stated that British tweeds for men and women are available and will continue to be so. The British woollen industry is now under Government control but evidently the raw material is being fairly distributed, otherwise the circular

A New Alexander

by
Charles Foley

A NEW Alexander has astonished the world and brought new laurels to Greece.

Italy's humiliation in the Greek mountains is due above all to Lieut.-General Alexander Papagos, who was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Greek forces on the outbreak of war.

In spite of his family name there is nothing of the patriarch about this sinewy, handsome soldier.

He received his advanced training in the Ecole de Guerre, the French Staff College, which overlooks the "Field of Mars" in Paris. Here Foch lectured when the century was young.

A cavalry captain in the Balkan wars, Papagos was promoted in 1914 to command a brigade. His age was twenty-eight.

The Greek warrior king Constantine made him his right-hand man. They rode victoriously against the Turks in 1921, deep into Anatolia. Papagos called for a halt; the king cried "Forward!" Greece suffered a devastating defeat.

When Constantine was exiled Papagos kept his royalist faith burning high. In 1935 he went to London to ask, in the name of the Greek Army, that Constantine's son, George II, of the Hellenes, should return to the throne of his fathers.

Like King George, Papagos has always been an admirer of British institutions, and he has his own ideas about the Italians.

In 1936 he vowed that Greece would do her duty against Italy if the Abyssinian campaign led to general war.

You must not see in him a reckless, challenging adventurer. He learned in Paris to regard war as a science; he applied this knowledge to the defensive needs of Greece, reorganising the army, pushing on the defensive works they call the Metaxas Line.

When Italy began her treacherous attack Papagos was ready. "We will write new and glorious pages in our history," he cried. "We will fight on to the last breath."

The glorious pages have been written—to the confusion of Rome's would-be Caesar and to the admiration of the world, which knew that Greece was small and poor in war material, but did not realise she was so rich and great in spirit.

would not have appeared in New York assuring buyers of quick delivery of all orders.

The necessity of maintaining overseas trade is very thoroughly recognised by the manufacturers in Britain and though Hongkong or other parts of the Empire may seem short in certain accustomed commodities, especially in non-essential goods, the United States and other countries able to carry on more or less normal trading facilities, will not be allowed to suffer any lack. The same determination that sends Londoners to their daily occupation no matter what havoc the air raid of the night before has wrought is dominating the unceasing effort to keep up the flow of goods to the vital markets of the world.



THERE'S ONLY ONE TOPIC...

REPRISALS?

PHILIP NOEL-BAKER, M.P.

answers the question of the moment with an emphatic—

NO!

"Mr. Churchill came himself to our street. And when he saw what they'd done to our homes, big tears rolled down his cheeks, and he said: 'They'll get the same; they'll get the same.' But next day we read that our boys had been over Berlin, and they hadn't dropped a bomb. You don't know what to think, you don't really."

SHE was a mother from the East End, taking her little girl to safety by a Scotch express. She wanted the mothers and children of Berlin to be bombed, as she was bombed. Because they had not been bombed, she proceeded to express what in Japan are known as "dangerous thoughts"—thoughts so dangerous that they moved a Canadian sergeant in the other corner to a protest in which sturdy encouragement was mingled with plain reproach.

"I Can't Forget . . ."

No one who saw that little girl could fail to understand the mother's feelings. No one who has followed Hitler's criminal campaigns, both against his opponents in Germany and his neighbours abroad, can fail to see that sadistic Terrorism against the defenceless and the weak is his favourite weapon.

He has proved it often to be a weapon of deadly power. Can we, ask those in favour of reprisals, now admit that he alone shall use it?

Must we be restrained by moral scruples, by the old rules of international law, from adopting methods which he has used on us; methods by which, as many people think, we could quickly win the war?

Put like that, the question plainly provokes the answer: "No." But . . . I shall never forget a sunny day in April, 1918.

I was driving up the road from Paperington to Ypres, when suddenly, around a bend, French Colonial troops came running in twos and threes. They had thrown away their arms, and they were flying, in uncontrollable panic, from the line.

They had been gassed; they were the first victims of the Kaiser's violation of the "Laws of War."

"We Can, But . . ."

We all remember the fearful shock given to world opinion by his use of this illegal arm. Yet within two years his Allies were beating the German Army in the use of poison gas.

If, in reprisals, we could use that

weapon then, can we not now use the weapon of random, indiscriminate bombing by which Hitler hopes to beat us down?

Of course, we can. And, if we did, no one could say that we had been guilty of a legal wrong.

Hitler has smashed every last remnant of the Laws of War: our hands are free to take whatever measures are required to bring his monstrous aggressions to an end.

But if we did resort to random bombing, I believe we should commit the gravest blunder of all this blundering war.

I believe we should do more to prolong the war perhaps to imperil victory, than if we lost another great campaign.

The People's Part

We all know that, if we win, it will be when the war has become, like the Napoleonic struggle, a war of European revolution against conquest and tyranny.

In that revolution the German people must play their part.

At present, the whips and the machine-guns of the S.S. men keep them helpless. But we know that even in 1933, after he had been six weeks in office, Hitler could not win a majority at the polls.

We know that there are millions, tens of millions, of Germans who hate the cruelties of Hitler's prisons and the crimes of Hitler's wars.

The day will come when our Fifth Column in Germany may comprise not only all the German workers, but the majority of the German nation as a whole.

Nothing could so certainly retard that day as the random bombing of the women and children of Berlin.

Anti-Nazis

The German Army has won great victories. They were won, in part, by the vast numerical superiority of their bombers and their tanks.

They were won still more by undreamt-of treachery, and by an incredible disregard for human life, whether of friend or foe.

But there is widespread witness that, when they are vigorously opposed, the morale of the German soldiers is not so good as the morale of the Kaiser's Army a quarter of a century ago.

Many of them are anti-Nazi; among many of the rest there is no conviction that their cause is just, that they are fighting for the safety of their country, their families and their homes.

Nothing could so stiffen their morale as the random bombing of German towns.

Both at home and in the Army, it would be the highest trump that

Goebbels has been able to play, for many a day.

And random bombing is a form of war in which we should give Hitler every possible advantage.

Working from France, with their short "turn-round," and with their advantage in numbers, his aircraft can drop a far heavier weight of bombs in Britain than we can send to Germany in reply.

At night, his pilots cannot find their military targets; our pilots can and do. By random bombing we should sacrifice that immense technical advantage.

We know that, up to date, we have done incomparably greater military damage in Germany than he has done to us.

We know that in London he has wasted—yes, wasted—a vast proportion of his bombs.

Why should we imitate his example and do the same?

The argument is greatly strengthened by the fact that Hitler may soon be running short of oil.

Every expert is agreed that he has already begun to feel the pinch. It is his greatest weakness, and it is a mortal weakness.

The Best Targets

Without oil, not a single German aircraft can fly, not a submarine can put to sea, not a tank or a gun can take the field.

Transport difficulties make it impossible for Hitler to bring more than a small proportion of his requirements from Germany. The other countries he has occupied produce no oil; we have stopped their normal overseas supplies; they are an actual drain on his oil resources.

Already, Hugh Dalton tells us, we have bombed 80 per cent. of his oil refineries and 90 per cent. of his plants for making oil from coal.

If we multiply the bombs, these refineries and plants can be utterly destroyed.

Already we have set fire to many of his oil reserves, and we know that oil tanks, once well alight, may burn for weeks. They are the easiest of all targets to find and hit.

With such targets at our mercy it would be utter madness to bomb women and children instead.

Goering must be on his knees every night the morning and praying to Thor and Odin to strike us with this madness.

An Abomination

Finally, whatever we ourselves may suffer, the bombing of women and children remains an abomination, which, if we were guilty of it, all future generations of our people would deplore.

Our pilots have done deeds that have been the wonder of the world. They have been inspired, at least in part, by the cold anger which they felt at the atrocities committed by the Nazi airmen in Holland, in Belgium and in France.

If we told them now to commit these same atrocities in Germany, I believe they would think it not only a waste, but a veritable prostitution, of their courage, their training and their skill.

I should not like to be the man who gave the order, and I hope, and I believe, that no such order will be given, either now or in the months to come.

THE DANCING CENTENARIAN

Suffolk's oldest evacuee, Mr. William Minter, of Ipswich, entertained round a cake with 100 candles at Leicester in celebration of his 100th birthday.

The dancing centenarian writes verse and entertains his friends with selections from music-hall favourites. He has four great-grandsons in the Forces.

"ALL CLEAR"

By F. G. H. Salusbury

THERE'S a red dawn thing whence the riders fled,
And bits of dust thick upon a shattered bed;
There's a new world waking that the bombs have made,
And one more morning for the Chars' Brigade.

For the skies may thunder and the guns may roar,
But brass bands cleaning on the office door;
There are floors want washing in a thousand rooms,
And someone's got to use the pails and brooms.

Through the long streets, haunted still by wild-eyed cats,
Come slouching old bachelors greeting slouching cats,
With a "What luck, dear?" and a "Can't complain,"
The Ma's of London take the field again.

Though the Hun may threaten until all bells freeze,
It's only war will find Ma on her knees;
And it goes like clockwork, after raid on raid,
Does the "All Clear" given by the Chars' Brigade.

AUSSIES TAKE OVER

Hoist Anzac Hat At Tobruk

REUTERS AT TOBRUK
Jan. 23.—Having broken down the Italian resistance in 26 hours cheering Australians hoisted down the Italian flag in the town centre to-day and hoisted instead an Anzac hat.

The total number of prisoners is estimated at 20,000 which number includes the Metropolitan 61st Division, the peace-time garrison of the fort, 1,500 members of the naval garrison, and 700 of the crew of the sunken cruiser San Giorgio.

The Military Police and Customs officials reveal that a hundred civilian technicians and fishermen are also among the prisoners.

The garrison surrendered at 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Australian cavalry units in Bren-gun carriers stormed the main road to the town and broke the steel, concrete, and sand-bagged barrier and then drove in. They were met by a couple of bursts of machine-gun fire to which they promptly replied.

Then the entire garrison surrendered. I followed into the town with khaki-clad Australian infantry—men caked with the dust from the Libyan desert and burnt with the sun, and with uniforms torn after days of strenuous fighting.

Unnerved Garrison
As I entered the gateway with the victorious imperial troops, thousands of exhausted and unnerved Italians were streaming out. All resistance had virtually ended by sunset the day before.

The Solero Alente forts had been silenced after stiff fighting, and the stronghold of Filadelfia, which had been putting up terrific artillery fire, had been captured.

During the attack on Filadelfia, the Australians came unexpecting on 14 Italian tanks in a dried-up river bed. Reinforced by an anti-tank battery, the infantry, although suffering some casualties, knocked out the tanks quickly.

Infantryman Takes Tank
One Australian captured a tank and its crew of four with his rifle and bayonet.

When Filadelfia was occupied by the British, it was shelled from Solero Alente forts until they were also taken.

In the open desert between Solero Alente, the Brigadier commanding the Australians captured Major-General Dero Mura of the 61st Metropolitan Division.

Meanwhile the eastern and western sectors of the perimeter defences had been cut off. After that they only resisted spasmodically and quickly surrendered.

Water Shortage Risks
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—In a broadcast war commentary, Major-General R. J. Colling said that General Wavell's original attack might have had to be one of the tip-and-run type—a mere raid, though on a large scale.

"Without water, no one could have carried on—in fact, without the help of the Navy, who somehow managed to land stores and thousands of gallons of water at Sollum, I do not think it could have been done."

"Except for what they were lucky enough to capture during the advance there was no water at all between Mersa Matruh and Bardia, nearly 150 miles away. Water has been and may be again, the crux of the whole show."

Press Acclaims Wavell
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—That the end of the Fascist Regime is brought yet nearer by the fall of Tobruk is the theme of London newspaper editorials on the latest success in Libya, which is hailed as another example of General Wavell's military brilliance.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes "the whole province of Cyrenaica is im-

Nomura's Plans For Pacifying Tokyo-Washington Relations

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The departure of Ambassador Nomura for America is coincident with revelations by "United Press" of a three-point programme by which efforts will be made to improve Japanese-American relations after his arrival in Washington.

Well-informed Japanese sources told "United Press" firstly, Japanese diplomacy centres on the tripartite pact; secondly, Japanese diplomacy would insist on United States recognition of Japan as the stabilising factor in the Far East; and thirdly, Japan is willing to make vigorous efforts consistent with the two foregoing principles to improve relations with the United States.

U. S.-Soviet Relations

MOSCOW, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—The lifting of the United States "moral embargo" on the export of aeroplanes to Russia has been announced on the Soviet radio but not yet in the press as no newspapers published here to-day.

Official circles are reticent on the subject, but opinion here is that the lifting of this ban, coupled with the establishment of an American Consulate-General at Vladivostok, suggests an improvement in Soviet-American relations.

Refrigerator And Cooker

Among Prizes For The Bomber Fund Raffle

Over two hundred valuable prizes have now been donated for the Bomber Raffle which is being organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee in aid of the War Fund, the total value being approximately \$25,000. The following are the latest gifts:

One Moffatt Electric Refrigerator, 9.9 cubic feet, value \$300; One Moffatt Electric Cooker, 7.6 kilowatts, value \$110, both British Empire products, donated by Messrs Sheehan, Tomes & Co., Ltd.

One Magazine Cine-Kodak, f.l.s. lens, value \$50, donated by the Esplanade Kodak Company.

One beach canoe; one silver rose bowl and one silver card case, donated by Major and Mrs Wilcox.

Two credit notes value \$100 each; one credit note value \$50, on the Sincere Co. Ltd., donated by China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co. Ltd. The tickets, which are being specially designed and printed free of charge, will not be available for some time, but enquiries should be addressed to "Bomber Raffle, Hongkong War Effort Committee, Office, Star Ferry Wharf, Hongkong. Telephone 27323.

perilled our sea and air power much enhanced by our grip on Tobruk. As for the rest of the Fascist empire in Africa, important movements are proceeding swiftly on and beyond the frontiers of Eritrea and Abyssinia."

Describing Graziani as "his most unpunished of soldiers," the paper says "the futility of his strategy was doubtless not all his own but was partly imposed on him by the inefficiency of the Fascist system and the fatuous vanity of Mussolini. He has been hopelessly out-matched by the British Commander. The history of war records names of few generals of equal success in that most difficult of military arts—extracting the greatest possible advantage out of victory."

Saying that the presence of the Australians at Tobruk will be material for some "member of the Fascist hierarchy to turn round and blame the Italian people for lack of resolution" the "Daily Express" asks "how much longer will Italians swallow the shame of their rulers' incompetence or hope for Hitler to save them?"

Departure From Tokyo

To see Admiral Nomura off at Tokyo station, Mr Joseph Grew, American Ambassador, and other Embassy officials attended in morning coats and silk hats were on hand. Mr Grew accompanied Admiral Nomura to the ship, the Kamakura Maru, which is scheduled to sail from Yokohama.

Foreign Minister Y. Matsuoka, Army Chiefs including General Sugiyama, and Admirals Zengo Yoshida, Osami and Nagano were among the several hundreds of high Government officials and civilian leaders who said goodbye to Admiral Nomura at the Tokyo Station platform, which was guarded by a special squad ofgendarmes.

Admiral Nomura is accompanied by his adviser, Kaname Wakasugi, who was a former Consul General at New York, his personal physician, Doctor Kitano, Sakai, and his secretary Katsuzo Okumura.

Japanese Industrialists Win Economic Issue

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—The "Asahi" said that besides the abandonment of the election revision law plan, the Cabinet decided to shelve the bill for the establishment of "A new economic structure" under which the Government would take over the management of industries, a bill which had been strongly opposed by industrialists.

However, the Cabinet was planning to achieve virtually the same purpose by revising the national mobilisation law under which the business licensing system would be instituted.

Upper House Support

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (UP).—Upper House members have decided to submit to the Plenary Session on Saturday a resolution similar to the lower House's, supporting the Cabinet in strengthening defences in order to cope with the present grave situation both at home and abroad. It reflects virtually an unconditional support of the Government programme.

Indo-China Increases Import Duties

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Department of Commerce to-day revealed that a new schedule of import duties, applicable to all countries, became effective in French Indo-China on January 1.

The duties are wholly ad valorem, ranging from five per cent. to 130 per cent. on the minimum tariff, with a general rate of three times the minimum. The list of products heretofore exempted from import duty remains substantially unchanged. Minimum rates will continue to be applied to most imports from the United States.

Sicilian Aerodromes Attacked By R.A.F.

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—Aerodromes in Sicily were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers during the night of January 22-23.

A Middle East communiqué from R.A.F. Headquarters says that at Comiso a quantity of incendiary and explosive bombs were dropped, causing explosions which continued for 20 minutes.

N.E.I. Snubs Matsuoka

Claims Want No Part In New Order

BATAVIA, Jan. 23 (UP).—The Netherlands East Indies press objected to Mr Matsuoka's reference to the Indies as "the same as Thailand and Indo-China."

As H. Van Mook "Strong man of the N.E.I." heading the Dutch delegates soon to spar with the Japanese trade mission said in a statement: "There is no change in the stand of the Volkraad which is claiming that the Netherlands East Indies are no part of the Asiatic bloc. It is of vital importance for the Netherlands East Indies to maintain complete sovereignty." Van Mook refused to discuss the present political aspect saying that his Department was solely economic. He said that 90 per cent of Netherlands East Indies export trade and income was with non-East Asiatic countries.

The press comments that "Mr Matsuoka's South Sea lyrics" are totally unnecessary to revise the situation in "such a drastic manner" as is possibly indicated. The "Java Boek" in an editorial said that the inclusion of the Netherlands East Indies in the category of "The New Order of Asia" would give Japan the right to interfere in its foreign and interior policies.

Relation With Japan

BATAVIA, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—The firm stand of the Netherlands East Indies against any interference with their sovereignty was re-affirmed to-day by Van Mook, Director of Economic Affairs.

Commenting in an interview with "Nieuw Oost" on Mr Matsuoka's speech in the Japanese Diet, Jonkheer Van Mook said that he failed to understand what Mr Matsuoka meant by a "situation which has hitherto thwarted the relations of good neighbourliness" with the Japanese.

"Our relation with Japan has been promoted in the same manner and zeal as those with other countries," Jonkheer Van Mook declared. Discussing Mr Matsuoka's statement that "if only for geographical reasons," the Netherlands East Indies should be in intimate and inseparable relationship with Japan, he said that the economic structure of the N.E.I. made it necessary to promote trade relations with both Allied and neutral countries alike on the largest possible scale, adding that despite the war 90 per cent. of the East Indies' export income was derived from other than East Asiatic countries. That proved, he said, that mere geographical situation was not the deciding economic factor.

Norwegian Shipping Association Closed

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—Gestapo men have been ordered to seize the funds of the Norwegian Shipping Association and to seal the offices. On the orders of the Nazi Commissioner, Herr Terboven, the Association has been disbanded, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

The Association's President, Bjørn Hansen and the Managing Director, Klameess, have been arrested for the second time since the German invasion of Norway.

PROPOSES WAR GIFT

As Substitute To Aid British Bill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Senators Ed Johnson and Robert Taft to-day introduced a substitute for the Aid Britain and the Johnson Bills, authorising an outright gift of \$2,000,000,000 worth of war materials, provided Britain gives the United States complete information on performance, and agrees to make all her purchases in the United States.

Senator Taft said that the Bill would authorise the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to lend Britain \$1,000,000,000; Canada \$500,000,000 and Greece \$50,000,000.

Two Die In Plane Crash

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ST LOUIS, Mo. Jan. 23 (UP).—Two were killed and 12 injured early to-day when a Transcontinental and Western Airways air liner crashed one mile southwest of Lambert Field, tearing down telephone wires. The plane apparently dived as it approached the field for an instrument landing. The dead are Pilot Captain P. T. Scott and Mr J. Foot, a TWA employee.

Favours Aid To Britain

Gallup Poll Result
NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—A sharp increase in American sentiment favouring aid for Britain is shown in the latest Gallup poll which follows President Roosevelt's recent "fireside chat" and message to Congress. The question asked was: "Which of these two things do you think more important for the United States to try to do—keep out of the war ourselves, or help Britain win even at the risk of getting into the war?" The replies showed that 68 per cent. favoured helping even at the risk of entering the war while 32 per cent. favoured staying out.

Taking Greetings To Chiang

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—President Roosevelt's Administrative Assistant, Mr Laughlin Currie, has been given leave of absence in order to visit Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for first hand information on the Chinese economic situation. The visit will be made at the invitation of the Chinese Government. The White House said that Mr Currie will transmit the President's personal greeting to the Generalissimo. Mr Currie will be accompanied by Mr Emile Despres, Senior Economist and head of the Research and Statistics Division of the Federal Reserve System. They will leave San Francisco by Clipper next Tuesday, and they expect to return about March 1.

U. S. Sailors Sentenced For Insult To Nazis

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—Suspended sentences of 90 days have been delivered by the Municipal Judge here on two seamen of the United States Navy who were charged with flipping down a Swastika flag from the German Consulate. They will be handed over to the naval authorities who have promised that they will be "adequately dealt with."

The State Department has already expressed regret to Germany for the incident.

General Wu Teh-chen
RANGOON, Jan. 22.—General Wu Teh-chen left for Baseline south-west of Rangoon to-day but is expected to return on January 24.

He was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Governor of Burma, Sir Archibald Cochrane. On the following day, he addressed the Rangoon Rotary Club.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Jockey Club Looks To The Future

New Long Distance Handicaps For 1941 Extra Race Meetings

IT APPEARS that the motto of the Hongkong Jockey Club is: "Better class ponies; Better class races." Looking ahead seems to be their sole aim, for (according to the 1941 race fixtures just to hand) the Stewards have inaugurated a few new middle and long distance classic handicap events confined to all Australian ponies to be contested at the Extra Race Meetings during the current racing season.

LAST YEAR'S RESPONSE

It will be recalled that last year the Brisbane Spring Handicap for Australian ponies was lengthened from one and a quarter miles to two miles, and the response with a field of ten runners has no doubt prompted the racing Stewards for more long-distance races.

The most severe endurance test will be the Cesarewitch Stakes, a handicap for all Australian ponies over two and a quarter miles, and this will be run at the Double Tenth Meeting on October 11.

The Stewards' Cup (presented) will be a handicap for Australian pony griffins of this season over a distance from the two mile post, once round and in, and it will be contested at the Second Extra Meeting to be held on March 29.

The Beas River Paddocks Handicap for all Australian ponies will be over the Derby course of 1½ miles at the Fifth Extra Meeting on May 10, while the Cambridgeshire Stakes (a handicap for the same class of ponies) will be staged at the Ninth Extra Meeting on October 25.

The November Handicap will be the last handicap classic for all Australian ponies over a course of one and a half miles at the popular St Andrew's Meeting on December 6, including, of course, the St Andrew's Stakes for China ponies over the same distance.

Increased Stakes

The Melbourne Cup (an old event which hitherto was run at the Annual Carnival) has been transferred to the First Extra Meeting to be held on March 8, but the jante has been lengthened from one and a quarter miles to two miles, and I have reason to say that the first prize stake money will be a valuable one owing to the fact that the entrance fee is \$10 instead of the usual \$5.

The Ladies Purse, which has always been a short run of once round the course at the Annual Meeting, will be a long ride on "B" class Australian ponies over two miles, and the winner is to receive \$1,000 apart from a fine collection of gold sovereigns to the successful jockey.

However, there is no question that we have not a bunch of slayers, for last year the Brisbane Spring Handicap (two miles) drew a field of ten runners and the Amicus Curiae won by a hair's breadth.

Piccadilly Jim annexed the Queensland Handicap (seven starters) for "C" class ponies over two miles by a neck, but in the Canobie Lea Handicap (ten starters) which was for "B" class riders over the same course, he showed the handicapper up by winning in easy fashion with four lengths to his credit.

I may be prejudiced, but I certainly prefer long-distance races to

short ones any day. One gets more for one's money and usually a more exciting finish.

Sixty-six Entries For Rooty Hill Derby

THE ROOTY-HILL DERBY has attracted no less than sixty-six entries out of a consignment of 113 subscription griffins drawn by members and the following is a list of nominations:

A Fine Time, Amulet Star, Angel of Glory, Anzac Day, Araxy II, Archibair, A Surprising Time, Bah-gage Master, Battle, Bendomeer, Bendigo, Black Seal, Bonn Vancina, Buckfastleigh, Casino, Castle Hill, Corriedoo, Corsair, Corvette, Daylight, Dignitas, Double Dutch, Dutch Treat, Endeavour, Hawaiian Love, Hole In One, Jann, Jungle Love, Jus Gentium, King's Flight, Leading Star, Lex Fori, Loderstar, Look See, Macy, Mahsul, Manhat-tan, Moonlight, National Welfare, Never-Never, Newborn Star, New-market Day, Ogle, Optima Fide, Red Rabbit, Riverbridge, Royal Sovereign, Santa Anita, Saratoga, Seal River, Snow White, Starlight View, Stra-thalbyn, Sunspot, Swallow, Sydney Diamond, Sydney Lady, The Hawk, Tobacco Shop, Trade Wind, Twinkling Star, United Express, Vicar, Vitamin M, Willow and Zadderday.

Two Naval Teams For Blarney Stone Rugby Tournament

The Royal Navy have entered two teams for the Blarney Stone Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament, the preliminary round matches of which will be held on Saturday, February 15 and the final on February 22. The Naval teams will be:

"A" team—Tel, Honeywill, A/Ldg, Tel, Paul, Lieut. Carter (Capt), A/Ldg, Tel, Dowdell, Sub-Lieut. Winter, Lieut. Watson and C. P. O. W. King.

"B" team—Lieut. Moreham, Sub-Lieut. McGill, Sub-Lieut. Kennedy and Lieut. Rutherford; Sub-Lieut. Poole, A. L. Longmuir and Sub-Lieut. Eager. Reserve: P. O. Wilson, P. O. Skinner, L. S. A. Palmer, A. D. Hughes and A. D. Gallagher.

Amended Hockey Trial Teams Services Players Unable To Travel

It was officially learned yesterday morning from the Hon. Secretary of the Interport Selection Committee that Services hockey players will not be allowed to leave the Colony for Macao and as a result they have been replaced in Saturday's trial teams by Civilians. The amended teams are as follows:

The amended teams are as follows: Colours—V. M. Benwell (Y.M.C.A.), Y. Hand (Club), H. C. K. Thomson, M. H. Henson (Khalid), W. A. Reed (Club), H. Whitley (Club), Teja Singh (Police), T. S. D. Whitley (Club), Jesur Singh (Police), J. Fonseca (Recreio), W. Brown (Police).

White—U. B. Souza (Khalid), A. M. Xavier (Nomads), Man Singh (Police), A. Alves (Recreio), Capt. Woods (Rajputana Rifle), D. McNeill (Club), Narwan Singh (Police), D. P. Smith (C.B.A.), Gur-bachan Singh (Khalid), E. Fowler (C.B.A.), F. E. E. Gash (Club), B. I. Dickford (Club), J. Gonsalves (Recreio), R. J. Reed (Nomads).

TULSA MARKSMEN AT WEDNESDAY'S RIFLE SHOOT

In spite of dull and menacing weather on Wednesday, 60 members of the Hongkong Rifle Association turned out for the afternoon's shooting on the Kowloon City Ranges. Although considerably wet under-foot, the rain held off with the exception of one very short and light shower, permitting firing to take place at 300, 500 and 600 yards.

There was no wind, but the varying light, which at times was very dark, but never dull, made shooting very difficult.

The rifle experts from the U.S.S. Tulsa were among those who braved the elements and with their peep-sight rifles made some good scores. C.Q.M.S. F. E. E. Gash, a possible at 300 yards and scoring 90 out of a possible 105 over the three ranges. Scores were:

"A" Class			
	1000	500	500
Cpl R. Langford Ser.	20	20	20
W/O F. Toulson Ser.	20	20	20
Sgt T. Baker Ser.	21	21	21
C/Sgt P. Hale Ser.	21	21	21
Cpl Sher Singh Nil	23	23	23

"B" Class			
	1000	500	500
L/Sgt G. Purnan Singh	20	20	20
Mr N. V. Whyte	20	20	20
B/M W. Kilford	24	24	24
Sgt W. J. Gash	26	26	26
L/Cpl E. W. Allen	26	26	26
Sgt G. G. Clarke	26	26	26
B/M D. Bolam	26	26	26
Lt L. B. Holmes	26	26	26
Mr Pann Shun	26	26	26
Cpl R. Singh	26	26	26
Cpl J. Berry	31	31	31

"C" Class			
	1000	500	500
L/Cpl G. Barkway	20	20	20
Pte A. G. Jennings	20	20	20
Cpl H. Henley	20	20	20
Cpl G. A. Lomeny	20	20	20
Cpl F. W. Evans	20	20	20
Cpl A. G. Martin	20	20	20
Lt G. C. Dawson	20	20	20

"D" Class			
	1000	500	500
Pte J. Jones	19	19	19
L/Cpl R. J. A. Callaghan	19	19	19
L/Cpl M. S. Lau	19	19	19
2/Lt C. G. Webber	19	19	19
Pte W. Allen	19	19	19
Cpl K. O. Young	19	19	19

Winners of Handicap events will have their handicaps reduced by one point.

Honolulu Clipper

Return Flight To-day

The following were due to leave for San Francisco to-day by Clipper. Mr Eric Mayell, newswear cameraman, on leave after three years in the Far East.

The following left for Manila: Mr Gerardo V. Yambao, Pan-American employee returning after an overnight stay. Mr Alexander R. Colquhoun, British Army officer, making a round-trip by Clipper on vacation.

Mr Stephen F. Balfour, Hongkong Government cadet making a pleasure trip to Manila.

Mr Calvin C. Chang, tourist. Mr Tan H. Clipper commutator. Mr Joseph Parrish, of the Standard Vacuum Oil Co., making a round-trip on business.

Mr Lucio R. Idefonso, of the American Express, Hongkong, on business. Mr Robert W. Lanza, of John Mann-ers & Co., on business.



Manfield (England) being brought down during the International Rugby Tournament match with England at Causeway Bay last Saturday. England won 8-0.—Ming Yuen.

CANDIDATES FOR HONGKONG DERBY Another Victory For Cire?

MR ERIC MOLLER heads the list of China pony griffins with five candidates, namely, Beautylight, Glossylight, Lovelylight, Rosylight and Velvetlight, and that honour is also shared by Sir Victor Sassoon with Eve of Deception, Eve of Grandeur, Eve of Illusion, Eve of Paradise and Eve of Rest.

Though Charlesber and Walber have been entered to race under the nomenclature of Marber I, the griffins are really the property of Mr B. W. Bradbury, who is also the owner of Marber stable with three aspirants, namely, Marber, Falber and Royber.

I have seen Cire's string of animals and I have come to the conclusion that the Hongkong Derby is going to Shanghai. If appearances count for anything, Lovelylight is certainly the cream of Mr Moller's five candidates and the mare will run away with the Hongkong Derby. The rest will

give good account of themselves and Mr Moller is going to sweep the board.

Without prejudice, Eve's stable has not a worthy runner to carry Sir Victor's silk to victory. This may also be said of Mr Bradbury's lot.

Ponies Named

HOWEVER, I am sure that students of training times will be interested to know the names of all China pony griffins that have been entered for the annual big meeting and I append below a list of 39 ponies:

Pony	Colour	Height	Owner
Beautylight	Brown (Mare)	14.1	C. H. Chan
Bluerays (late Law and Order)	Ches.	14.1	C. H. Chan
Charlesber	Bay (Stallion)	14.1	Marber I
Eve of Deception	Dun (Mare)	14.0	Eve
Eve of Grandeur	Ches.	14.1	do
Eve of Illusion	Bay (Stallion)	14.0	do
Eve of Paradise	Bay (Mare)	14.1	do
Eve of Rest	Bay (Mare)	14.0	do
Flying Ace	Ches.	14.1	S. W. Lee
Forty Six	Ches.	14.1	Numerals
Glossylight	Ches.	14.1	Cire
Infantic Common View	Ches.	14.1	Nolasco
Iron Beauty	Bay (Mare)	14.1	Iron
Leading Time	Ches. (Mare)	14.1	Li Po Chun
Lovelylight	Bay (Mare)	14.1	Cire
Lovely View (late High Life Eve)	Bay (Mare)	14.1	Lon
Marvelous Scheme	Ches. (Mare)	14.1	Kong Bros.
Marber	Ches. (Mare)	14.1	Marber
National Confidence	Ches.	14.1	Why
National Integrity	Ches. (Mare)	14.1	Why
National Resistance	Ches. (Mare)	14.0	do
Night Express	Bay (Mare)	14.1	Necan
Odeon (late Alexandria Bay)	Bay (Stallion)	14.1	T. K. L.
Odyssey	Brown	14.1	do
Palber	Bay (Mare)	14.1	Marber
Quick Step	Ches.	14.0	Wong Yan
Reynolds	Ches. (Stallion)	14.1	Manetta
Royber	Ches. (Mare)	14.1	Cire
Sand Trap	Bay	14.1	Marber
Sea Fawn	Ches. (Stallion)	14.1	Marber
Standard Express	Ches. (Mare)	14.1	Collins
Velvetlight	Ches. (Mare)	14.1	Golf
Well Done	Ches.	14.1	Williamson
Wonderful Scheme	Bay (Stallion)	14.1	Li Po Chun
World Fair View	Black	14.0	Necan
		14.1	Cire
		14.1	Marber I
		14.1	L. Kelly
		14.1	Kong Bros.
		14.1	Lan

Swimming

JAPAN STARS SET NEW RECORDS IN "Y" POOL

Members of the Rikkyo (St Paul's) University Swimming team, who recently swept the board in the Philippine Swimming Championships held in Manila, gave a fine exhibition yesterday afternoon in the European Y.M.C.A. when one of their members, Oura, established a new bath record for 200 yards breast-stroke when he clocked 2 mins 27 secs to lower Koike's 1934 mark, established in the same pool, by 1 2/10 secs.

Shigeo Aral, Japan's first string sprinter, came to within one-tenth of a second of equalling Masunori Yusa's time of 53 2/10 secs, which the latter established in the Y.M.C.A. pool in 1934. Honda, who is also a sprinter, was a close second, another tenth of a second behind Aral.

Members of the team expressed the wish that they might attack the marks established by members of the Japanese Far Eastern Olympic team of 1934, who attacked world records in yardage on their way back from Manila.

The team left the Colony yesterday evening for Japan on the Kamo Maru.

RESULTS

Results, with the previous best times established by Japanese Olympic swimmers, were as follows:

100 Yards Free-style—1. S. Aral 53 2/10 secs. 2. Honda 53 4/10 secs. M. Yusa (1934) 54 secs.

150 Yards Back-stroke—Hiraga 1 min. 40 secs. Kawatsu (1934) 1 min. 41 4/10

Outstanding Gallops By Australian Subs.

Araxy II's Excellent Form

CLERK of the Weather was not too kind last Saturday morning, but the jockeys and trainers had to exercise their ponies and there were several fast gallops over the Derby course in preparation for the big meeting.

The best among the Australian subscription ponies was done by Araxy II who came out of the trial with flying colours.

Accompanied by Catterick Bridge, the pair jumped off with 32 1/2 seconds for the first quarter and the first mile was run in 2.00 1/2. I expected Araxy II would crack up after a first mile, but the progeny of Sum King went on cheerfully and he took a minute and three-fifths of a second to run the last half mile, covering the whole distance of 1 1/2 miles in 3.00 1/2.

It was a creditable performance and it may be interesting to know that Sum King is also the sire of Viceroy and Fair Chance; both of whom did not prove that they were first class stayers last year.

The one which impressed me was that gallop of Endeavour's accompanied by Iron Belle (Derby griffin) over 1 1/2 miles in 3.08 1/2. The former was ridden by Mr Peter Wei, and the chestnut by Don Salatis finished much stronger than Iron Belle.

A close perusal of the eight quarters would reveal that the last mile was run in 2.01 1/2 with 28 1/2 seconds for the home stretch.

One of the Best

SYDNEY Diamond was given a steady canter over the Derby course and the chestnut journeyed the circle in 3.22 1/2 romping home in 27 1/2 seconds for the last quarter. For the time being I would nominate Sydney Diamond to be one of the three placed ponies in the Rooty-Hill Derby.

Manhattan by Double Court continued to please Messrs Shields and Stanton, but I am afraid the pony cannot go beyond a mile. The American pony put a decent gallop last Saturday over the champion course in 2.39 1/2, but Manhattan did not finish as one would like to see.

Fresh Air has somewhat disappointed me as a stayer, for I cannot place her as a confidence in a puller. Her mile in 2.03 1/2 was not too bad, but she was crawling down the straight in 34 1/2 seconds.

TEAMS FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR SOFTBALL MATCHES

The following have been chosen to play in the softball classic during the Chinese New Year holidays:

MONDAY 2.15 p.m.

Girl Starlets	Howloon F.C.
Mary Ng and Terry Noronha	p. Doc Molthen
Dot Louie and Anderson	p. Birdie Woodcock
Lily Mar	p. Dixie Walker
Cecile Marques	p. G. G. Oren
Glenn Mar	p. Jackie Stephens
Irene Castilho	p. Mochie Mezger
Irene Pereira	p. Nilla Fuller
Betty Fitzpatrick	p. Dovy Dandy
Theresa Marques	p. Trumper Jones
Yvonne Yolie	p. Dido Bowman

References: Abe Liu, Ernie Heatter and H. Waggoner.

The nightcap between the U.S. Navy stars and Mohawk Tribe will have Abe Liu, Bill Woo and Nip Lum calling them.

TUESDAY 3 p.m.

Mohawks	Portugal
Cy Jones	p. Gerry Gosano
Jon Morris	p. Chas. Figueroa
Ernie Heatter	p. Nick Beltrao
Seal Davis	p. Ari Ozorio
Leu Leight	p. Tony Alves
Pete Fitch	p. George Souza
Mack Sherry	p. Bertie Gosano
Larry Sells	p. Eddie Gosano
Frank Crews	p. Dick Alves

References: Bill Woo, Tommy Chan and Nip Lum.

Y.M.C.A. Teams

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. tomorrow on the Navy ground:

Second, 3 p.m.—Clegg, Grant, Dalton, Saxby, Tomlinson, Gorman, Macey, Dixon, Dorman, Fancey, Banks.

First, 4 p.m.—Clegg, Taylor, Youloff, Jordan, Coombes, Waldron, Spence, Sparre, Hiltchcock, Morhan, Dunne.

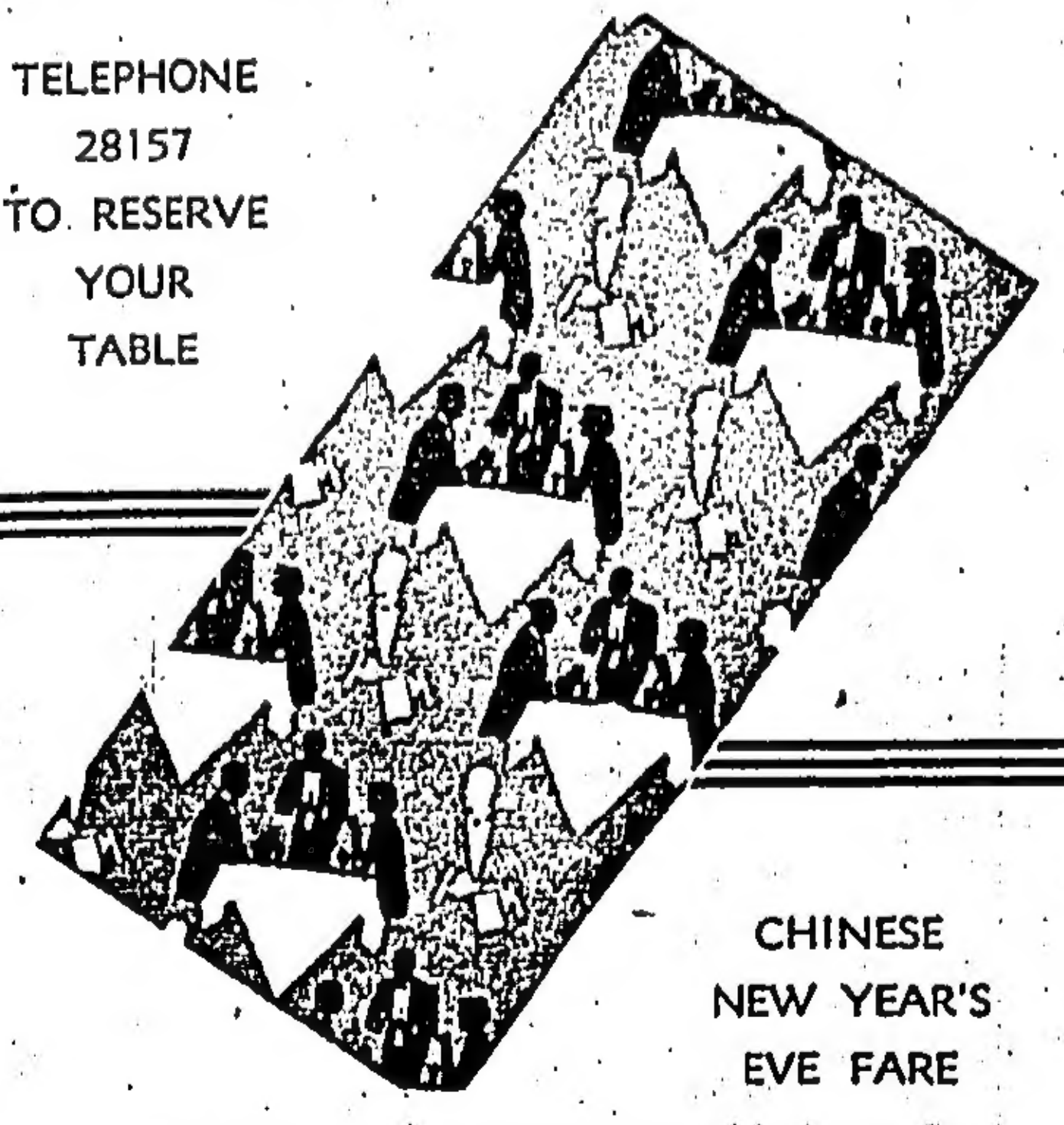
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U. S. Delegate Talks With Yugo-Slav Government

VICHY, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Colonel William Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy, who arrived in Belgrade last night, was received to-day by the Yugo-Slav Premier, according to a Belgrade telegram.

Colonel Donovan told reporters that he planned to stay two or three days in Belgrade and that he hoped to visit Prince Paul (the Regent), the Vice-Premier, the War Minister and other military leaders.

He declined to say whether he had a personal message for the Regent from President Roosevelt. He said that his mission had nothing in common with that of Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, who visited Europe last spring as the President's special envoy.

Colonel Donovan will later visit Athens, Turkey, Palestine and Egypt, arriving in Egypt about the middle of February.

Asked regarding reports that important diplomatic documents had been stolen from him on the train between Sofia and Belgrade, he replied that only his passport was missing.

Wants Cuba In The U.S.A.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Senator William Smathers has introduced a resolution in the Senate authorizing the President to negotiate with the Cuban Government upon the terms necessary for Cuba to enter the Union as a State, which would be granted upon conditions satisfactory to both countries.

The Senator said: "Cuba is at present dependent upon America for military security and her economic welfare."

East African Campaigns

Pressure Maintained

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Imperial troops are now in contact with the Italian forces which withdrew from the Kassala area and which are now holding defensive positions, declared a communique issued to-day.

Operations continued to develop successfully.

Pressure on the enemy east of Metemma, Abyssinia, was being maintained.

In the Kenya offensive, activities by Imperial patrols continue.

S. Africans' Success

NAIROBI, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Three Italian Caproni bombers were destroyed by the South African Air Force in a mid-day raid on Yavel, low aerodrome in Abyssinia.

Following a reconnaissance during which bombs straddled the main target, two waves of aircraft went over. The first showered high explosives and incendiaries on the aerodrome, directly hitting one Caproni which burst into flames.

The second wave found a fire raging round two aircraft and scored a direct hit on a third, which also burst into flames.

One pilot dropped a salvo directly on a hangar while another pilot hit hutments and barracks.

The raid was made by the same squadron which recently destroyed two Italian aircraft and crippled four more at the same aerodrome. This squadron alone has already carried out 63 operations against the Italians.

CATHOLIC FUNDS IN AMERICA

Unfrozen Balances

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The fact that not all relevant foreign balances in the United States have been frozen to prevent Axis countries from using their American balances is largely due to the delicate situation involving the Roman Catholic Church, according to well-informed sources.

It is understood that when the Administration was considering freezing foreign funds, Catholic authorities in the United States pointed out that this would disclose the amounts Rome received from the United States and also prevent their transfer to the Vatican.

It is felt that this situation can be overcome.

There is considerable sympathy for Britain on being obliged to reveal her entire financial position, but the frankness with which Britain has complied has undoubtedly helped her cause.

British Military Attache

Arrives In Chungking

CHUNGKING, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Major-General Lancelot Ernest Denys, M.C., the new British Military Attache in China, arrived in Chungking from Burma this morning by plane.

The Assistant British Military Attache is expected in Chungking shortly.

Major-General Denys is the second senior military attache in Chungking, the senior being the new Soviet attache, Lieutenant General Chuykov, who arrived recently. Lieutenant General Chuykov took part in the Finnish campaign.

Effects Of Evacuation On Queen's College

"You cannot succeed in life without doing something to make the world a better place and, conversely, you will not be of much use to your fellow-men unless you attain some measure of success," said Mr. G. P. de Martin, M.B.E., M.A., former Director of Education, when he gave away prizes at Queen's College Annual Prize Day this morning.

Among the visitors present were Mr. F. J. de Rome, J.C. G. Solis, the Rev. G. E. S. Upsell and Mrs. Upsell, Dr. Gray and Mrs. J. P. Fahly, the Very Rev. Fr. R. W. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wallington, Mrs. G. P. de Martin and Messrs S. M. Churn, Chow Ping-un, W. J. Dyer and L. Morgan.

The Principal, Mr. M. G. O'Connor, said: "School re-opened on September 18 instead of 11 owing to demands made on members of the staff by the war. Further demands were made later from time to time but from the figures I shall submit presently, I hope that you will feel that things did not go too badly."

Evacuation Effects

The maximum enrolment was 620 and our average attendance for the year was 50.62% as against 97.48% for the previous year. This drop is partly due to the evacuation to Macao of some of the boys in July. Comparatively few boys were absent because of ill-health, and no doubt, mass vaccination against smallpox and injections against cholera have contributed towards this state of affairs. I regret to say that there was a certain amount of sickness among members of the staff. There was one memorable day when Queen's College could boast of only one European master on the premises. A new departure in connection with 'health' was introduced in March, namely, dental inspection for each boy. Boys now go to Queen Mary Hospital for advice and treatment.

Examination Results

Of the 21 boys who entered Matriculation, 12 passed with a total of 11 distinctions. In the Class 2 School Certificate Examination 80 boys sat and 45

Asia Lands Report

Loss On Last Year

The ninth annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Asia Lands Limited was held at the Offices of the Company on the second floor of the Mercantile Bank Building this morning, Mr. L. Kadoorie, the Chairman, presiding.

Others present included Messrs C. Mislin, John Fleming, E. M. Brydon and A. B. Gutierrez. In his speech, the Chairman said: "I regret that the accounts laid before you show a loss of \$64,070.75, but this includes the item of depreciation on the Company's properties amounting to \$46,533.41 so that the net working loss for the year amounts to \$17,537.34."

River Trade

Income from our Po Tak Wharf has remained at the same level as last year but, we have had to expend some \$5,500.00 on essential repairs, which we trust will suffice for some time. Whatever hope we may have had of a better return from the Hing Kee Wharf has not been realised, conditions in the river trade having remained unchanged throughout the year. From August last, this wharf, for a period of three months, had a tenant not engaged in the river trade but what then happened a very welcome change from our usual dependence on that trade did not last on account of the extension of Japanese activities to Indo-China.

Our house properties are all fully occupied at reasonable rentals but repairs have been considerable.

Our bank overdraft on "General" Account has been slightly reduced notwithstanding the outlay on repairs. However, an increase of about \$11,000 has taken place in our bank overdraft on "Piers" Account due to the heavy outlay on wharf repairs and renewals already referred to, and to the fact that income from Hing Kee Wharf was insufficient to meet bank interest on the relative loan.

I do not think there are any further comments I can usefully make, and I now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask."

Mr. Mislin seconded the adoption of the report and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Fleming proposed that Mr. Mislin be re-elected Director and Mr. Kadoorie seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Mislin proposed that Messrs Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected auditors and Mr. Kadoorie seconded. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Prisoners Of War Escape

But Soon Recaptured

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". AT AN EAST CANADIAN PORT, Jan. 23 (UP).—Two German war prisoners from a consignment of several hundred former flyers and members of U-boat crews, celebrated their first night in Canada by escaping. One was captured immediately. It is understood that one is the famous German war ace, believed to be Major Helmuth Wick, 25 years of age, who is credited with shooting down 36 Allied planes.

The second German airman who escaped has been captured after he was seen pulling on overalls to hide his uniform.

KUMMING, Jan. 24 (Central News).—Kunming was raided yesterday by Japanese aircraft for the second consecutive day. Six planes bombed Kunming's western suburbs while nine others raided points west of the provincial capital.

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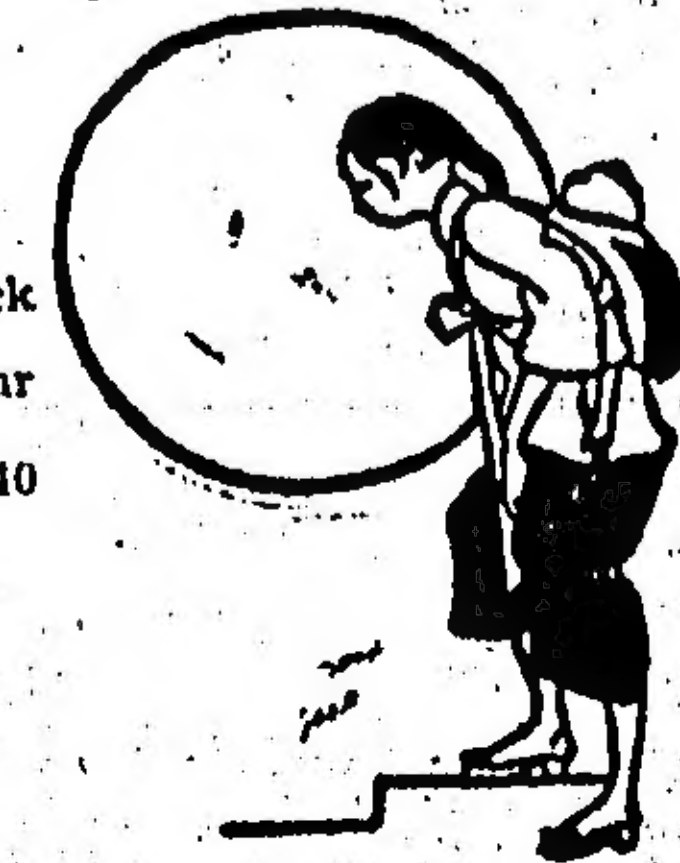
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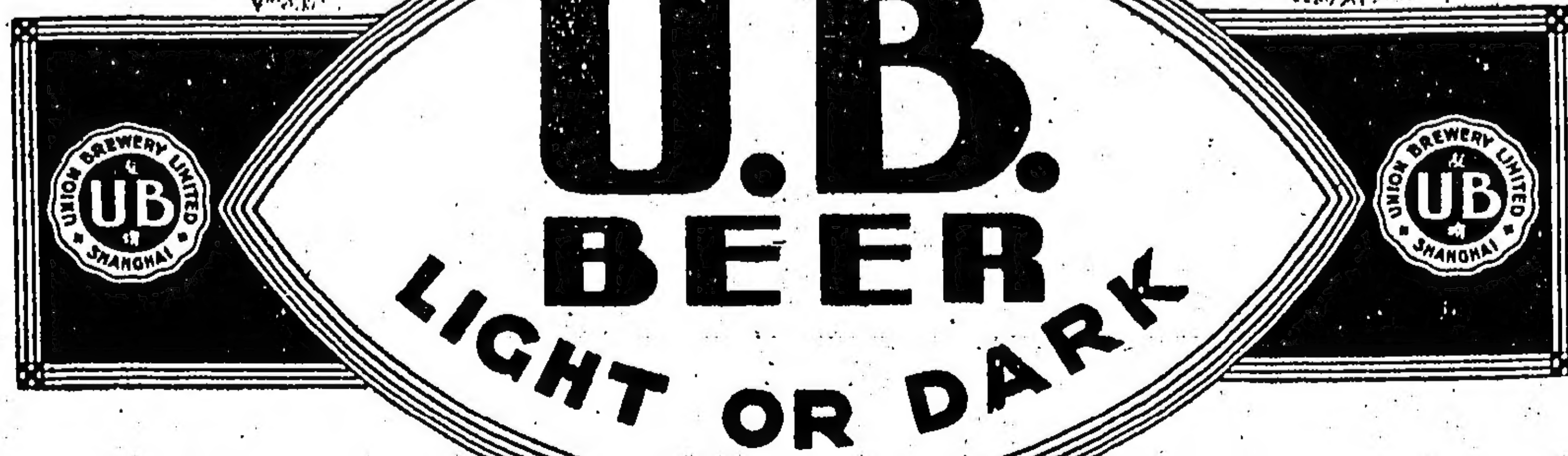
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deep basin, we gradually approached level ground and made a survey of many miles.

As look-out points against unexpected tank sallies, the Italians had established a series of pole squatters and look-out posts around the whole perimeter of the Tobruk defences. But a young officer told me that many figures seen on these poles proved to be dummies.

Tank traps have also proved formidable and many booby traps and hidden mines were also discovered.

How Italy Took It
LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuters).—The Italian press makes valiant efforts to minimise the importance of the fall of Tobruk.

Newspapers stress the view that the capture "cannot substantially change the course of the war" and declare that Italy is as resolved as ever to fight on until final victory is achieved.

In descriptions of the battle, great emphasis is laid on the bravery of the Italian defenders, "who fought against greatly superior forces upon whom they inflicted serious losses in men and material."

Britain's Quiet Night

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Early this morning it was reported that all was quiet throughout Britain during the night.

Burma Route Bombed

Japanese Activity SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

JAPANESE NAVAL AIR BASE IN INDO-CHINA, Jan. 23 (Domei).—Units of the Japanese Naval Air Force this morning subjected Kunming, as well as the Kungkuo Bridge on the Yunnan-Burma road to intensive air bombardment, according to the Press Section of the Japanese South China Fleet.

The units which attacked Kunming, scored direct hits on several places outside the city where a number of enemy trucks were parked, while the formation which bombed the Kungkuo Bridge, despite unfavourable weather, succeeded in destroying the old span, thereby completely cutting off traffic on the Burma route.

It is recalled that the new Kungkuo Bridge was destroyed on December 24, last year, by Japanese naval aircraft. All Japanese planes which participated in to-day's raids, returned to their base safely.

Police Offer Reward

The Hongkong Police are offering a reward of \$200 for the return of Police motor boat No. 10 which drifted away from Tai O, Lantau Island on the night of January 20. The vessel is 25 feet long, is painted grey and has the words "Police No. 10" inscribed in brass lettering on the bow.

Antonescu Reaches A Compromise

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broadcast alleged that 30,000 members were ready to die for the Legionary regime and claimed that the peasants and workers in the provinces are supporting it. Another broadcast said that now Mayors would be appointed throughout Rumania within 48 hours from amongst those who had not participated in the disturbances.

The Minister of Interview, M. Popescu in a manifest said, "resistance by misguided Legionnaires has been broken everywhere."

Bucharest Unrest
RUSTCHUK, BULGARIA, Jan. 23 (UP).—Reports from Bucharest declared without confirmation that more than 1,000 people were killed in the capital alone up to 0.30 p.m. on Thursday and that hundreds of corpses are being collected throughout the city and thrown out into the suburbs.

Despite the order issued by the Vice-Premier, Maria Sima, a large number of Legionnaires have refused to obey and at 11 a.m. the situation is still not clear.

Antonescu's Promise

BERLIN, Jan. 23 (UP).—The official news agency reports from Bucharest reveal that General Antonescu issued a proclamation promising to weather the Legionnaires and establish a Government of reliable and capable men. He urged the Rumanian people to stand firm behind the Government.

The Vice Premier, in an order of the day to the Legion said the political situation was beginning to clarify itself. "In the interests of the State's authority I call on all Legionnaires to take up normal life again."

Rebellion At An End

LONDON, Jan. 23 (UP).—Radio Bucharest broadcast that General Antonescu had telegraphed all Ambassadors and Ministers, "Order restored, rebellion at end."

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Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: The market was quietly steady.

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Electricity "N" \$40
Cements \$18/18.25
Ropes \$8.25
Watsons \$11.15
Lane Crawfords \$7.50

LATE NEWS

Ernest Hemingway Coming To H.K.

Ernest Hemingway, famed American author of "Farewell to Arms" and the "Way of a Transgressor," and who became noted for his despatches from Spain during the Spanish Civil War, will be visiting Hongkong early next month and will stay here for some time. He is due in Shanghai next week. It is stated that while in the Far East he will be contributing articles to "P.M.", the New York newspaper, whose foreign editor, Mr. Neville, wrote a story for the "Telegraph" recently.

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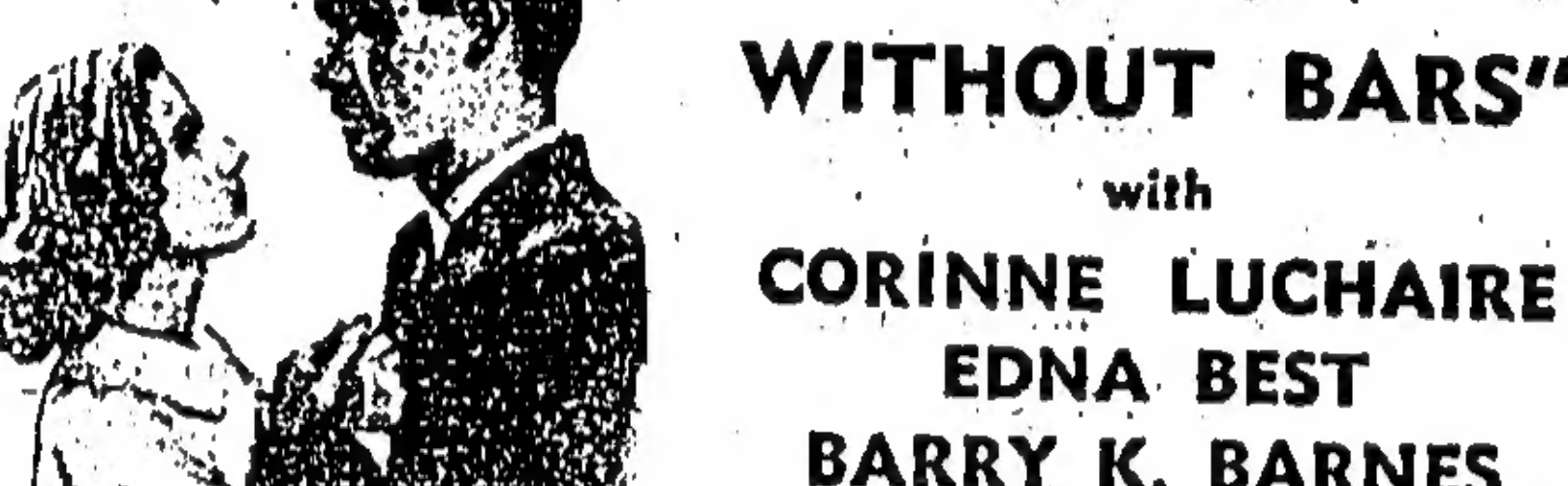


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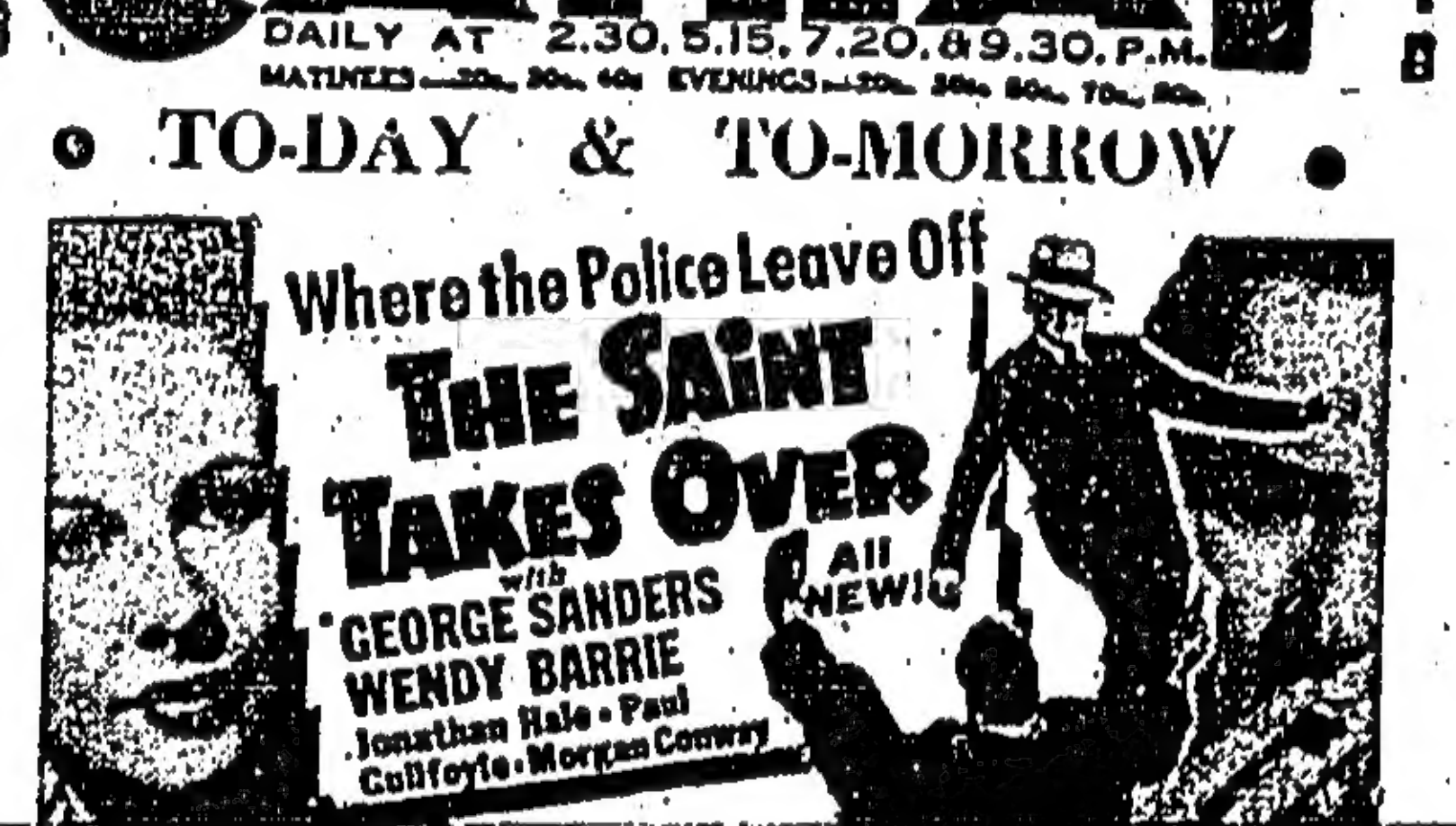


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